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WEATHER FAVOURS TODAY'S RACING

The 1949 annual racing carnival opens today at Happy Valley favoured by fine weather. The Royal Observatory states that it will continue to be sunny all day.

The track is in excellent condition, and good racing is promised. Our reporter said this morning that the track was not too hard and not too soft, and that rail-fans were looking forward to some good times.

The big event of the five-day carnival is the Hongkong Derby, which will be run on Tuesday next. Tickets sold on the mammoth sweep had exceeded 1,500,000 by 10 a.m. today, which brings the first prize to \$800,400. The Jockey Club's comptroller office will remain open tomorrow (Sunday) for sale of tickets.

A late edition of the Telegraph containing results of day's racing will be on sale about 4 p.m.

TODAY'S TIPS.

- By "THE TURF"
- First Race**
Shun Fung
Egyptian Field
The Alligator
Outsider: Highlight.
- Second Race**
Blue Ribbon
Lili Marlene
Liberation Star
Outsider: Desire.
- Third Race**
Home Builder
Golden Dahlia
Airs And Graces
Outsider: Shun Fung.
- Fourth Race**
Ringmaster
Easy Going
Thunder Sky
Outsider: Stayer.
- Fifth Race**
Duchess Delight
Flying Knight
Happy Farmers
Outsider: Rowanglen.
- Sixth Race**
Norse Queen
Atamond King
Vagabond King
Outsider: Black Market.
- Seventh Race**
Maniac
Zephyr
Lady Gloucester
Outsider: Araxy.
- Eighth Race**
Amorant
Ben Wyllie
Southwest Wind
Outsider: Sparkling Star.
- Ninth Race**
Skymaster
Pay Day
High Speed
Outsider: Florella.
- Tenth Race**
Top Hat
Shun Lee
Strychnine
Outsider: Jetfire.

PALESTINE STATEMENT EXPECTED

London, Jan. 14.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is expected to tell a meeting of the Cabinet on Monday the lines of his awaited statement to Parliament on the Palestine crisis.

Parliament reassembles on Tuesday after the Christmas holiday. An immediate Palestine statement is likely either in answer to a question from the Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, or general interrogation by the House of Commons.

In the light of the Government reply, the Conservative Party will decide whether to press for an immediate Opposition debate.

By next week, Mr. Bevin may be in a position to give Parliament a more complete picture of Middle East developments than Members have been able to gain so far from published reports.

If, however, the anxiety of the House of Commons was left unrelieved, a section of the Government's followers might support demands for an immediate discussion.

The 300-strong Parliamentary Labour Party is expected to meet on Wednesday, and Government leaders may be questioned by critics of their Palestine policy.

The machinery for the Parliamentary Party meetings does not function out of session. The extent of demands for a full Palestine discussion will not be known until the House reassembles.

The House of Lords will discuss foreign affairs on Wednesday and it is considered inevitable that Palestine will be discussed then.

Reuters.

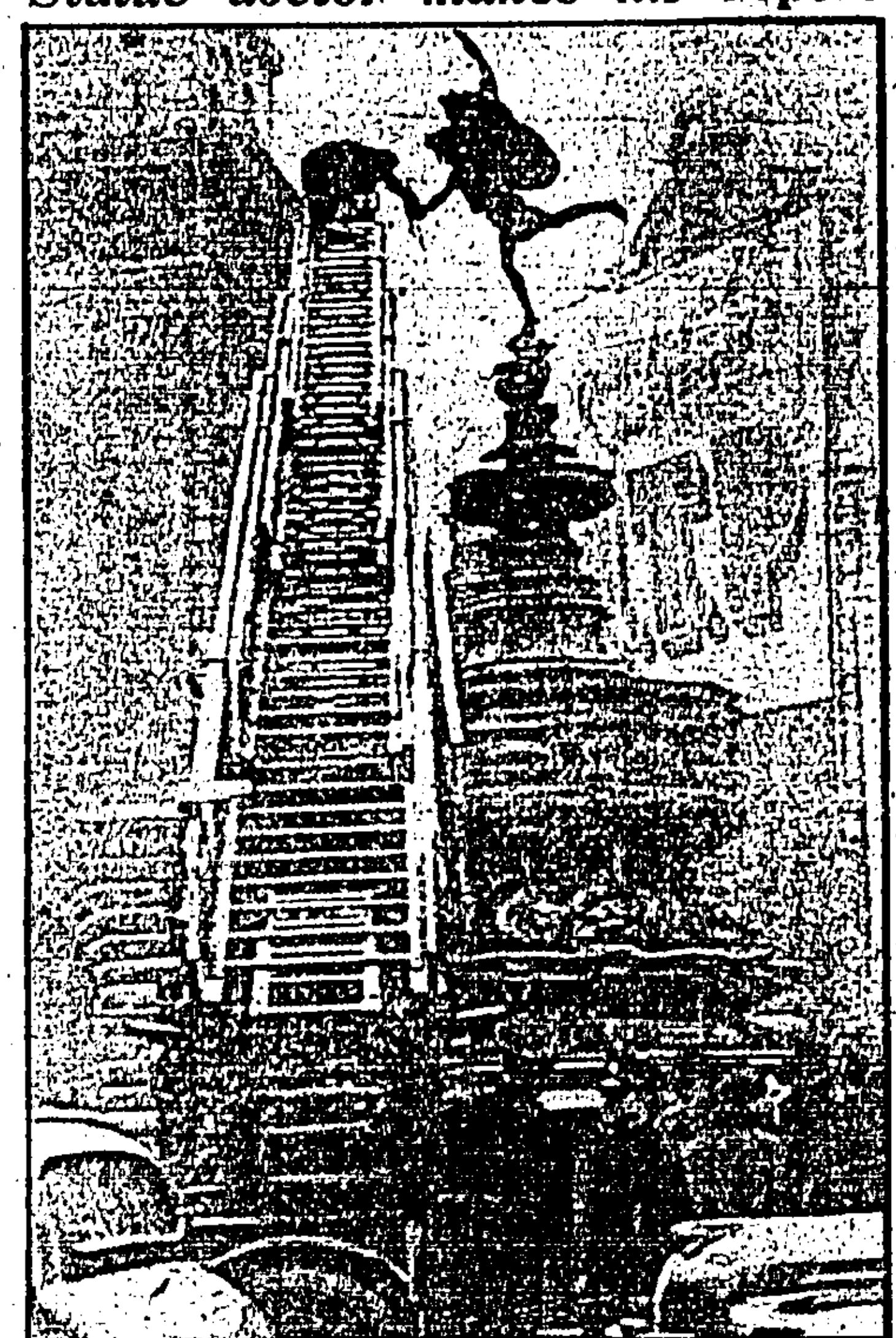
GIFT TO BRITAIN

London, Jan. 14.—The Australian High Commissioner in London, Mr. John Beasley, today handed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, a cheque for £8 million, the gift of the Government of Australia to Great Britain for European reconstruction.

The presentation was made in Sir Stafford's room at the Treasury.

Reuters.

Statue doctor makes his report



By means of a fire escape, an expert goes up to look for possible damage to Eros after a man had climbed to the top of the statue in Piccadilly Circus and perched there for 15 minutes while a large crowd gathered below. The expert reported: "Abrasions to the left wing and thigh. No fracture, not much damage."

27 DIE IN FIERCE DURBAN RACE RIOTS

Durban, Jan. 14.—At least 27 people were burned, shot or stoned to death here and in surrounding districts tonight in one of the fiercest race battles in South Africa's history. More than 400 people were injured.

Three hundred Indian women and children were reported to have fled into the bush. Hundreds are homeless. Police stations and hospitals are jammed with Indians.

Delinquents of the Navy, Army and Air Force were called out to reinforce the regular police. Extra police were drafted to Durban from all over Natal.

Whole streets of Indian houses and shops were looted and gutted by fire. Thousands of Africans ran amok. While families of Indians were murdered in their homes, some Indian families were locked in their homes and shops before the rioters set the buildings ablaze.

Durban police headquarters estimated the number killed so far in the riots yesterday and tonight at not fewer than 50 up to midnight.

Reuters.

SOLDIERS CALLED UP

Capetown, Jan. 14.—An appeal to regular Army officers and ranks in Durban to report back immediately to barracks following 24 hours of race rioting was broadcast tonight by Dr. Daniel Malan, the South African Prime Minister.

Earlier, the Defence Minister, Mr. F. C. Erasmus, stated in Capetown that the military would be used to quell the rioting if the police force had not sufficient men to cope with the situation.

Two thousand angry Africans, armed with heavy sticks and iron spikes, swarmed into Durban's Indian market area today, looting shops and attacking Indians.

Though special reserves were called out, police using batons were outnumbered and could not handle the crowd, which broke into the shops and emptied their shelves.

Frightened Indians hid in houses behind the market. Today's riots followed clashes last night in which 80 Indians and four Africans were hurt. Last night's trouble started at a bus stop when an African crowd took offence at an action said to have been taken by an Indian storekeeper against an African.

SPREAD QUICKLY

It quickly spread to other parts of the city and shouting crowds of Africans dashed through the streets stoning buses and cars driven by Indians.

One bus, driving through a hail of flying stones and broken bottles, charged a telegraph pole, spun round and careered up the road at high speed.

The Africans did not molest Europeans, but several big department stores closed early to allow women employees to go home while it was still light.

Dr. Vernon L. Shearer, a Durban Member of Parliament, telephoned the Minister of Defence in Capetown, and was given to understand that a proclamation would be issued immediately enabling the military to be called upon if necessary.

Reuters.

UNITED STATES PLAN FOR FREE INDONESIA

Berlin's New City Assembly

BEGINS TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

Berlin, Jan. 14.—A battery of cameras clicked and crowds packing the public galleries cheered wildly as Berlin's new "Western" City Assembly met today for the first time in its American sector headquarters to begin its two-year term of office.

The decorations, which included a huge drape of Berlin City's emblem, the black bear, would have been even more colourful had not the flowers and green plants ordered from a firm in the Eastern sector been confiscated by the Soviet-controlled German police.

Dr. Otto Suhr, unanimously elected Chairman of the Assembly, thanked the three Western Ministry Governments for their help "during this difficult period."

Then, pointing to the 11 seats reserved for deputies from the Soviet sector, where voting was forbidden during the December 5 municipal elections, he declared: "Those empty seats are a silent recognition by the Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party that it does not represent the Berlin population."

There is no Parliament in Berlin. Our task will be accomplished in spite of those 11 seats."

NO DIRECT ATTACK

The Mayor, Professor Reuter, closed the proceedings by reading a declaration in which he pledged himself to "serve the interests of Berlin and work in the cause of freedom and democracy." The declaration, moderate in tone, refrained from making any direct attack on either the Soviet Military Administration or the Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party.

The three Western Commandants, Major General E. O. Herbert (British), Colonel Frank Howley (United States) and General Jean General (France), occupied seats of honour as the proceedings were opened by 72-year old Herr Adolf Wuschik, Social Democrat and oldest member of the Assembly.

The deputies were sworn in by the simple act of shaking hands with the Mayor, Professor Reuter, who himself was sworn in by Dr. Ferdinand Friedensburg, his Deputy.

The Assembly adjourned until Tuesday, when members of the Magistrat (the City Administration) will be nominated.—Reuters.

Complete Netherlands Withdrawal Proposed

Lake Success, Jan. 14.—The United States is reported to be proposing the creation of an independent United States of Indonesia by April 1, 1950, preceded by progressive withdrawal.

The American views were authoritatively stated yesterday as the Netherlands formally told the United Nations Security Council it will not comply with any U.N. order to withdraw from Republican territory or to release Indonesian political prisoners.

The Dutch declaration was made by Netherlands representative J. H. Van Royen as the Council resumed its debate on the Indonesian question.

The U.S. was said to favour broadening the present Indonesian Good Offices Committee into a Security Council Commission on Indonesia to supervise transfer of sovereignty from the Netherlands to the United States of Indonesia and withdrawal of Dutch forces. This Commission would be made up of the U.S., Belgium and Australia.

The U.S. was said to believe that the Council should approve a resolution providing:

1. That the Netherlands discontinue immediately military operations in Indonesia and that the Republic of Indonesia shall be established not later than March 15, 1949.

(B) That elections to be held for the purpose of setting up the Indonesian Constituent Assembly shall be completed by October 1, 1949.

(C) That the transfer of sovereignty by the Netherlands to the United States of Indonesia shall take place not later than April 1, 1950.

4. That the Council suspend temporarily the activities of the Consular Committee and transfers all of its functions and the services of its military assistants to the Committee of Good Offices, which now is to be known as the U.N. Commission for Indonesia.

(The Consular Committee was formed first and was made up of the Consuls residing in Batavia.)

(A) The Commission shall act as the representative of the Security Council and shall take its decisions by majority vote.

(B) The Commission is authorised to observe the elections and to make recommendations regarding conditions to ensure that such elections are free and democratic and to guarantee freedom of assembly and of speech.

(C) The Commission shall determine the extent to which, consistent with the reasonable requirements of public security, areas in Java, Sumatra and Madura outside of Jogjakarta shall be progressively returned to the administration of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, and shall supervise such transfer. The Commission shall determine which, if any, Netherlands forces shall be retained temporarily in any area to assist in maintaining law and order.

Van Royen laid before the Council a proposed Dutch timetable on (Continued on Page 14)

Commonwealth Security Alliance

Montreal, Jan. 14.—The Montreal Star today reported that a world-wide security alliance of British Commonwealth nations had been completed and was "expected to be announced within the next month."

A Star dispatch from Washington quoted an "authoritative Commonwealth source" as saying the announcement would be timed to "place it before the world as an accomplished fact shortly prior to the signature of the Atlantic treaty."

It said the alliance was instituted at last autumn's conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London. It reported that participants include South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Ceylon and possibly India, but India was uncertain because she was "reportedly pressing for an East Asian alliance."

"It is thought the Malayan Federation and Burma will be brought into the arrangement later," the paper also said. "A Commonwealth alliance would have its greatest impact on the world security system in its coverage of the Indian Ocean and the South Pacific."—United Press.

Tientsin Entered, Red Radio Claims

Nanking, Jan. 14.—The Chinese Communist radio today claimed that Red forces had stormed into Tientsin, and also broadcast the first Communist offer to talk peace with the Nationalist government. The peace offer was made in a 2,000-word statement by the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung.

The Red radio, in another broadcast, claimed that the Communists drove into Tientsin at noon after an all-out assault beginning at 10 a.m. No details of the fighting were disclosed.

Mao listed eight Communist conditions which must be agreed upon as a prelude to any peace talks: 1. The punishment of war criminals. 2. The abolition of the constitution approved by the National Assembly in 1947. 3. The abolition of the present form of government. 4. The Kuomintang Army be reorganised in accordance with democratic principles. 5. The confiscation of all bureaucratic capital. 6. Convocation of a political consultative conference without reactionary representatives. 7. Revision of the land system. 8. Abrogation of all "country selling" treaties, and the formation of a "democratic government" which would take over the existing central and local administrations.

No official reaction was forthcoming immediately from Nationalist quarters, but unofficial sources regarded the Communist announcement as tantamount to demanding complete surrender of China to Communism. It was doubted that the

Chiang government, anxious as its leaders have been for peace, would accept the conditions.—United Press.

AMERICAN INJURED

Washington, Jan. 14.—Communist shellfire injured an American official in the United States Information Service offices and damaged the U.S. Consulate in Tientsin.

The State Department was notified that a shell scored a direct hit on the Information Office, near the French Consulate. Windows and glass doors of the Consulate were "blown out" when more artillery fire caused a "terrific explosion" at the Shell Oil Company installation.

Shells were still falling around the Consulate at the time of the latest dispatch from the Consul-General, Mr. Robert Smyth, and American officials were barricaded inside the building behind protective mounds of piled-up rugs.

Mr. Smyth said the explosion at the oil installation started a "huge fire" that was "still raging and spreading badly." He identified the wounded American as the Vice-Consul, Mr. Sam Yates, who was "slightly injured" by flying glass. The same hit caused minor injuries to an unidentified Chinese girl employee.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

A Strong-arm Policy

IN view of the warning by General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor, that "Nazi-minded Nationalist movements" are again appearing in Germany, it is fortunate that the six Western Powers were able last month to agree upon a form of international control for the Ruhr. The Ruhr Authority, as it is called, will come into being in February. It is one of several organisations being worked out by the Western Powers to assure the disarmament and demilitarisation of Germany and to further European recovery from the effects of the war by getting the greatest benefit from the products of this vital area. The Authority's chief task will be to divide the coal, coke and steel products of the Ruhr between German consumption and export. This gives it immense economic power, but it is emphasised that this power will be used as much to promote the recovery of Germany herself as to protect Germany's neighbours from aggression. The Authority will consist of a council composed of representatives of member Governments, and it will have a permanent secretariat. A German Government is to be established this year which will have the opportunity of accepting the agreement, and be given as many votes in the Authority as Britain, France and the United States. The Authority will submit a yearly report, enabling member Governments to keep in touch with developments affecting their interests. The official communique announcing the formation of the Authority said that "If operated wisely, the Ruhr

Authority may be regarded as a further step towards a more intimate economic association among the countries of Europe." In the past the Ruhr has been a breeding ground of German aggression towards other countries. The Ruhr Authority should be an effective instrument to ensure that it never again plays that role. France, naturally, has a prime interest in the control of German development, and the formation of the Authority has been received there with satisfaction, although the French made many concessions to reach agreement with the other powers. Originally they wanted complete separation of the Ruhr from the rest of Germany. This was refused, and they modified their demand to international ownership of the coal, coke and steel industries. This, too, was vetoed by Britain and the United States, and France then asked for international control of management and distribution. This, with modifications, was the plan accepted to France's satisfaction. The Germans on the other hand, are angered by what they consider undue interference with their affairs. It is pleasing that their objections have been overridden. There has recently been criticism that the occupying powers—particularly America—were being too soft with the Germans. The Ruhr Authority is a welcome sign that a strong-arm policy has not been adopted in Japan.

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A SEAT IN THE STALLS

It's a minor crime— overdressed

IT is no part of a critic's job to worry about money (not professionally, anyway), but I can't tear myself away from the fact that "LONDON BELONGS TO ME" cost more than £300,000 to make. I wish that Frank Launder and Sidney Gilliat, who spent it, had more to show me for it.

On the face of it, this is a big film. It rolls out at you from the screen with Big Ben booming, symphony orchestras whooping up the chords, and a vibrant, shot-alike voice telling you that you are going to see something torn from the dramatic heart of a great city.

But, for all these preliminary trimmings, I still had the feeling 112 minutes later that I had seen nothing more than a tiny story about a minor crime.

I walked out into the damp of the West End with the deflated knowledge that a mountain of British money and British brains had laboured and brought forth, if not a mouse, then only a Shetland pony of a film.

"London Belongs to Me" was a full book and a good book by Norman Collins—about family life in a lower-middle-class street in South London. It still pretends to be that on the screen.

But what do we see? Merely Richard Attenborough being snubbed by the girl downstairs, Richard Attenborough stealing a car and killing a girl during a joy-ride, Richard Attenborough being convicted for murder.

It is true that a number of

contiguous minor dramas are introduced—Alastair Sim trying to make a living as a fake medium, Stephen Murray and Fay Compton facing the trials of married life on a pension—but the kernel of the story is Attenborough's ride and its results.

It is a kernel too near the size of a pea in importance to deceive

me into thinking I am seeing the palpitating story of a city, or even of a street.

Dressed in a suit of its own size, I believe this would have been a taut, tense, effective film. It is frustrated by the immensity of its pretensions, thwarted by a false air of grandeur.

Still, it is a film with amusing moments, some fine character acting, and an impressive performance by pretty little Susan Shaw.

Villainy

"BERLIN EXPRESS" is a film with pretensions, too, but somehow they don't seem so irritating.

Its aim—according to another of these disembodied voices—is to drive home the necessity of Four-Power unity over our policy towards the Germans.

But what it quickly boils down to is melodrama set chiefly amid the ruins of bombed-out Frankfurt. The villains are a group of resentful Germans trying to resuscitate the Nazi Party; the heroes (some of them unwilling) a trio of American, British, and Russian officers, a French girl secretary, and a couple of "good" Germans.

Merle Oberon plays the part of the heroine with a phoney accent and her usual air of thinking about something else; Paul Lukas is a "good" German; and Robert Ryan, Robert Coote, and Roman Toporow are the three Allied officers who would like to be friends but don't know how.



RANDOLPH SCOTT (left) and Margaret Chapman come to blows during "Coroner Creek," a Western showing at the King's next week. Based on a Saturday Evening Post novel, the film follows Scott's chase through old-time Arizona after a "bad-man" responsible for the death of his fiancée, Marguerite Chapman.

LOVE MAKES THE FILMS GO ROUND

By Stephen Watts

IT occurred to me during "An Act of Murder" that Fredric March and Florence Eldridge were doing something remarkably rare on the screen.

They were causing me to believe completely that I was watching two people in that intricate and hazardous state known as being in love.

When you consider that 99 per cent. of films turn on that situation, it seems strange that the sense of conviction should come as a surprise. I lay little stress on the fact that March and Miss Eldridge have in fact been married to one another for some 20 years. That would be to belittle their professional ability, which is great.

It is simply that players and script rarely combine to achieve this end. Most films demand mere acceptance of the relationship between man and woman, and, lazily, we tend to accept.

BUT three other films I have seen lately are really an insult to our intelligence. In "The Secret Beyond the Door" Joan Bennett, engaged to one man, catches the eye of another (Michael Redgrave) across a carnival crowd in Mexico, and from there on we are asked to believe in her passionate devotion, even when he tries to murder her.

Deanna Durbin in "Up in Central Park" catches the eye of Dick Haymes while promading in the park; he picks her up, and their dubious fate is sealed.

In "Lareeny," a convincing tough bobby, Shelley Winters, seems to have but one principle in life—that come what may she loves John Payne. Nobody says why.

PARODY OF LIFE

I AM not attempting to produce a panacea for what's wrong with the generality of films, but if pro-

ducers and authors set themselves the initial task of making the boy-girl relationship credible instead of just rubber-stamping it, we might at least avoid a good deal of stereotyped mediocrity.

And films might begin to move out of that convention-bound world in which is incessantly depicted what Woolcott Gibbs called "an astounding parody of life ... in which anything is possible, including perfect happiness."

THE Marches, you see (to come back to "An Act of Murder"), do not convey their mutual feelings in terms of rosy romance. In fact, their love is most affectingly realised in a situation of dire stress.

He knows she will die at any time of an incurable disease. He cannot bear to see her suffer, and plans a "mercy killing" which will destroy himself, too. He fails, and being an upright judge, insists he is a murderer.

The ending is pusillanimous, because the film resolutely sits on the fence about euthanasia. But the Marches are well worth watching and the story grips most of the time.

As for the others, "The Secret Beyond the Door" is a piece of heavy-handed nonsense about a man who builds on to his house replicas of rooms in which murders have been committed.

Why does he do this? Because his mother was nasty to him when he was ten. The things Freud has to answer for!

Deanna Durbin sings nicely enough in "Up in Central Park" but the old gaudy and charm of her musicals is gone. And how she is putting on weight.

FILMS by LEONARD MOSLEY

More Villainy

It was all photographed on the spot, has some exciting scenes amid the bomb-holes, the black market night clubs, and the immaculate headquarters of the Occupation Authority—and I send you along to it with my blessings.

WHAT makes "KISS OF DEATH" a film to remember is the remarkable performance of a young man named Richard Widmark. Mr Widmark is a villain with fair hair, blue eyes, a furtive look, and a cretinous laugh.

He like strangling old ladies with telephone wire, visiting curious night spots that respectable bodies like you and me wouldn't know about, shooting people in the stomach, and twisting the arm of his terrified girl friend.

He spends most of the film trying to practice these little pleasures on Victor Mature, an ex-gang-bird, Coleen Gray, his wife, and two small children. Fortunately, just as his avid fingers are closing round them, police bullets hit him where it hurts most, and he ends up as a heap on the pavement.

He will undoubtedly turn up in plenty of films after this. Meanwhile, he helps to make this a fascinating, if exhausting, film.

Treachery

IN "SILVER RIVER" Errol Flynn is a gambler who sends out his partner to be murdered by the Indians (settling Missouri, after the Civil War), so that he can marry his partner's wife, Ann Sheridan.

Flynn's fellow citizens are a trifle shocked by this piece of treachery, but he says he is sorry about it in the end, and everyone promptly forgives him—especially Miss Sheridan.

Britain Cuts The Colour

THEY will be taking the colour out of British films this year. The order has already been given at one studio.

Costs have got to come down still more, so most new pictures being planned will be in black and white. To make up for it: "Blue Lagoon" and "Christopher Columbus" two of the biggest colour subjects, are being pushed through for showing in the next few months.

There will be other changes. Not every British film will get a West End send-off. Mr Rank plans to show his Huggett family pictures at outer-West End and suburban cinemas. And only a few of his West End pictures will get a premiere on the old glamour lines.

NO PAY FOR VALERIE

VALERIE HOBSON is one of the best-paid British film stars. But she drew no payment at all for her latest picture, The Small Voice.

Her usual salary was debited to the cost of the production (which was well under £150,000). Every penny has been left untouched to



VALERIE HOBSON

help her husband, Anthony Havelock-Allan, who produced. He will not draw a production fee from the company making the film (a company that he owns). The money will help to make new pictures; will make it unnecessary to wait for profits from The Small Voice to roll in.

Does Miss Hobson get compensation for this worthy gesture? Yes—from Mr Rank's organisation—which her husband left as a protest against high production costs.

Her own contract with them does not expire until April, is keeping her busy on a new picture at present.

Havelock-Allan's work as an independent is worth watching. His plans include a film of Heroes Don't Care, an Arctic explorer series which was a huge success 12 years ago—and a new starring vehicle for his wife.

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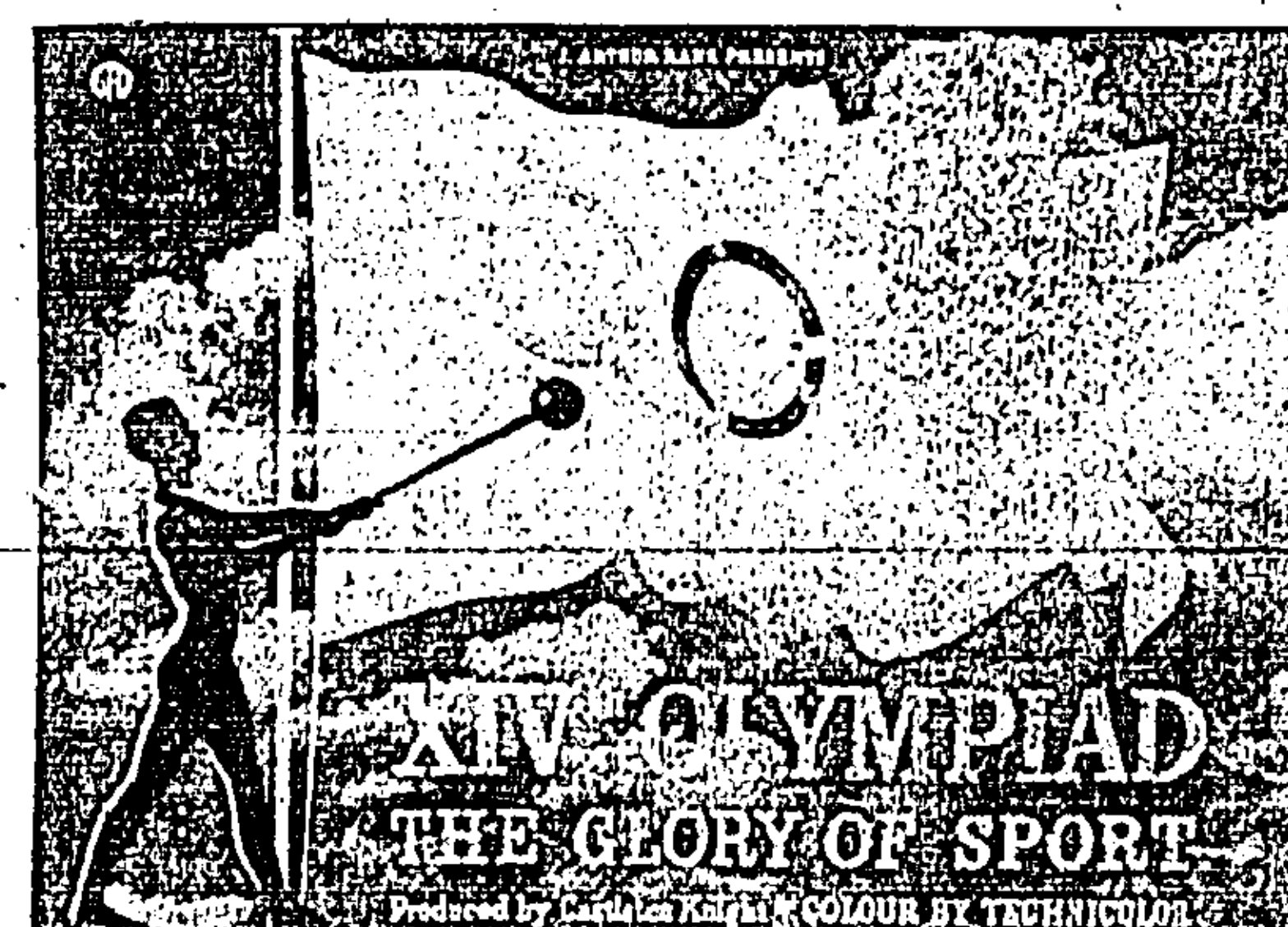


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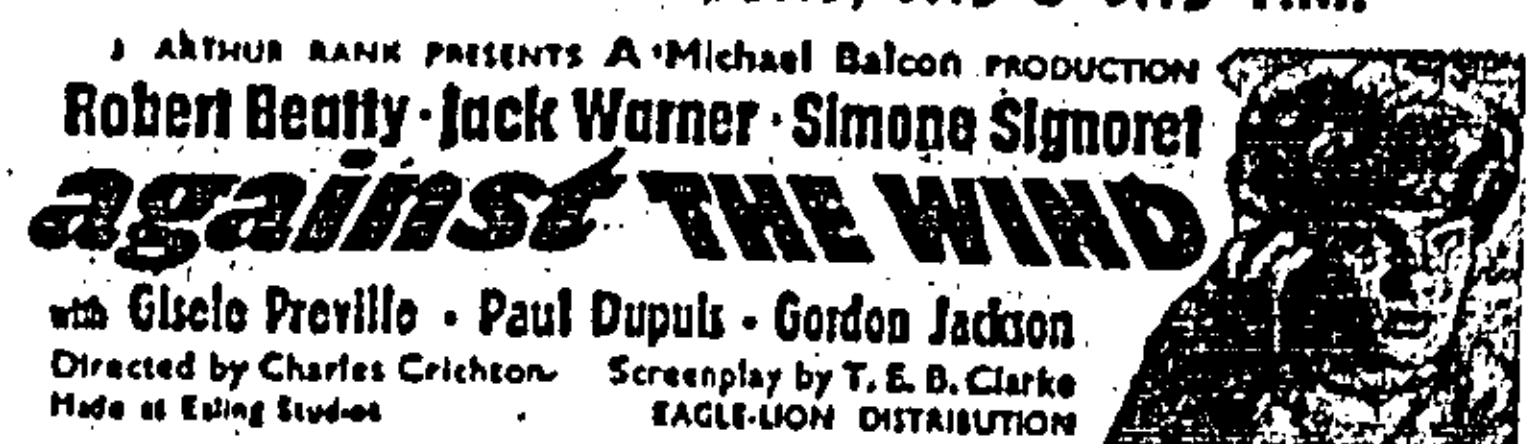
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Bonnie Prince Charlie



A SPECIAL HOROSCOPE

By STELLA

PRINCE Charles Philip Arthur George of Edinburgh, born to the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh at 9.14 British time on the evening of November 14, 1940, is a true Scorpio, as was his great-grandfather, Edward VII, who was born on November 9, 1841. Nearly a century separates the birth of these two, but according to the stars they are more than blood-kin. They are star-kin, sharing both the talents and the liabilities of the Scorpio-born.

What then, have the stars to say concerning "Bonnie Prince Charlie," who one day may rule over the empire that his great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, welded together as a constitutional monarchy during her 63-year reign and over which his great-great-grandfather ruled as personal monarch for but a single decade? Will he be over-protected by his mother, Princess Elizabeth, as was Edward VII by his mother, Queen Victoria? This, say the stars, is unlikely. For the little Prince has inherited from his day's forefathers more aggressive and combative nature. The same high, personal magnetism—amounting almost to a hypnotic power—is his. But this new prospective heir to the throne will fight for what he wants—for good or ill. But, always, he will fight.

Even as an infant, he is likely to display these aggressive and combative characteristics. All "first babies" under this sign will rule their homes—no matter how many other children follow them—later into the family. In boyhood they will dominate their schoolmates; in adult manhood, they will influence those in their circle, no matter how large or small it may be.

Strict Control

While they never can be pushed or prodded into doing things, they can, with tact and love, be guided. But early they must be taught strict control of their tempers and passions, for words spoken in anger can do much damage. Fiercely attached to those they love, they are quick to show envy and jealousy, and must learn to control this tendency with great patience.

As a growing child, Prince Charles will be fond of all animals, especially horses and dogs. But he must be taught kindness, for he will be inclined to exact perfect obedience, even from his pets, and exact punishment when disobeyed. Swimming, boating, competitive water sports and, later, travel on the sea will be his favorite pastimes. He will be very popular socially—not so much because of his position in the Royal family, but because as a lovable, gregarious and company-loving child he can grow into one of the most popular men of his age.

Health Robust

All too easily in the unregenerate type, he could exhibit characteristics of parsimony rather than thrift; passion rather than compassion; adventurousness rather than caution; a tendency to bluntness rather than tact; a tendency to judgment rather than analytical constructiveness; a tendency to criticism rather than affection rather than being devoted, albeit temperamental, mate.

In this last regard, it is likely that someone born under Pisces (February 20-March 21) will be the most harmonious, although very close friends and associates should come from those born under Virgo (August 24-September 22).

The general health should be robust, although there is a tendency towards physical exertion, which must be restrained. In later life he must guard against intestinal disorders by a simple diet. All types of stimulants should be avoided.

There is a tendency to place too much credence in the occult, rather than in the material, and this is an important decision and action.

The stars say to Prince Charles: What you will be, you may be, without restriction. For there is your forcefulness—the gift of the stars to all those born at your hour on your day who develop their talents to the utmost and become the perfected type.

And here he was with the story of a life-time handed to him on a plate. What did he do with it? He wrote what must rank as the most inadequate account of a great event ever put on paper.

Only one of his facts was right. To wit, that the aeroplane flew. Everything else that he wrote was wrong with the possible exception of a few words in the last paragraph. This reads: "Very little can be learned of the Wrights. They are supposed to be people of means and are always well dressed."

This report was offered to 21 papers. Only four of them printed it.

When the Wright boys returned to Dayton for Christmas there was no brass band, no receptions or speeches. They might have been a couple of chaps coming back from a fishing holiday.

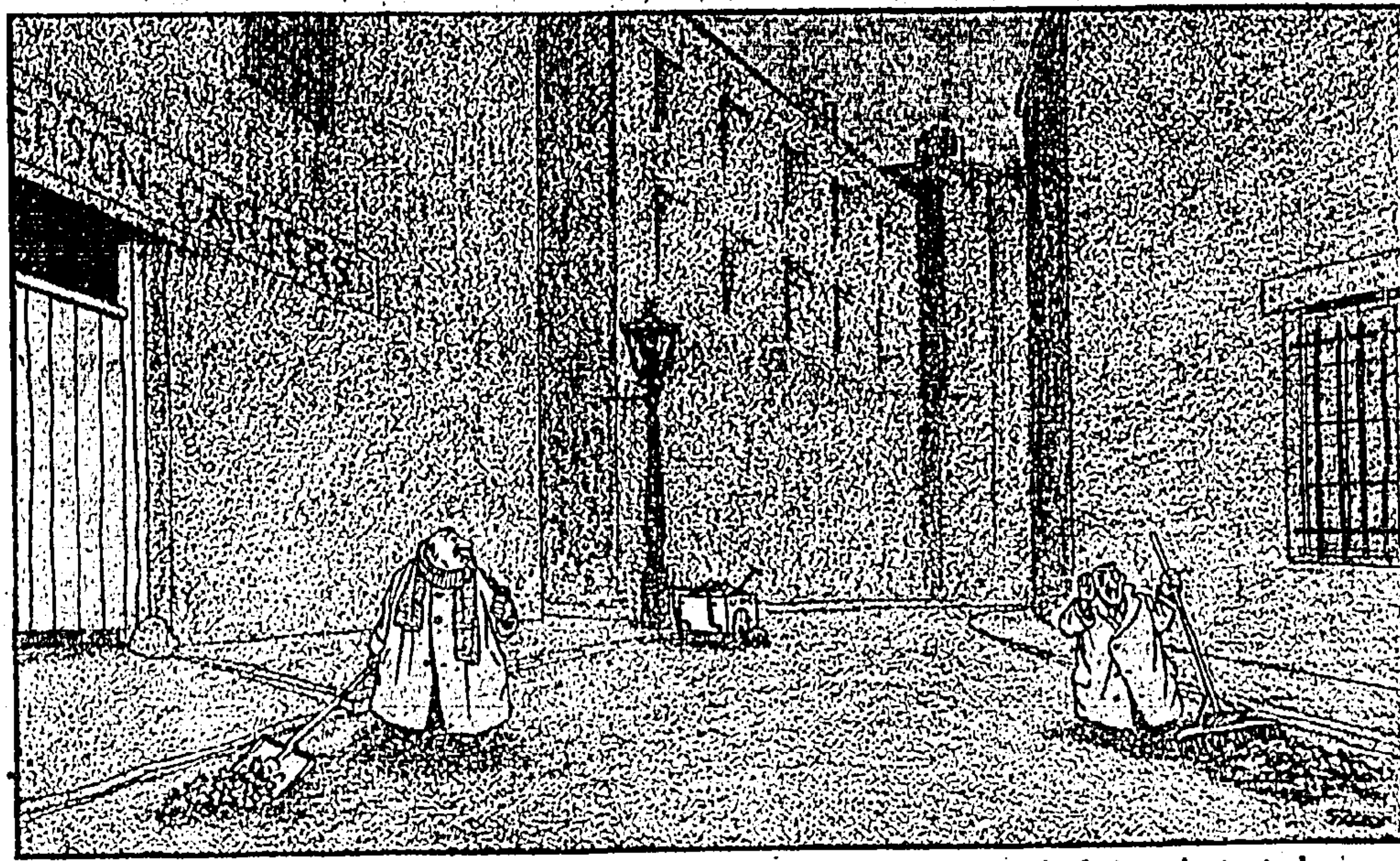
They even had a photograph of the plane in the air. But what of that? People bring back pictures of the fish they have caught and do not get excited.

A DAY LATE

THE following year (1904) the Wrights sent a field only eight miles out of Dayton and began flying again. On the first day they invited the Press, and 12 journalists turned up, but unfortunately something went wrong and the plane didn't fly.

Next day it flew for 60 feet, but only two journalists had bothered to return.

Two main roads—and a railway—passed the flying field, and during the next two years thousands of people saw the Wrights in the air.



"Now Year, I said—A flower unblown; a book unread; a tree with fruit unharvested; a path untrod; a— But, never mind, never mind."

TWELFTH INSTALMENT:

EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSBY

BIG Brass gathered for the Cairo Conference were concerned mostly with worldwide strategy. But they also wanted to hear testimony on the war raging right there in the Mediterranean. . . . so General Marshall dispatched a special C-54 to bring the star witness.

Instead of flying over in lonely pomp, General Eisenhower made a characteristic gesture. He invited a dozen of his lower-rank staff members to go along. "There's no use wasting all the space in this plane," he explained. "Besides, it may be the only chance you'll ever get to visit the Middle East."

Everyone except the naval aide took him up on the offer. Butch said he'd seen all the celebrities and could use the time to better advantage by going to Italy to set up our new Advance CP. I accepted quickly, before the General could change his mind; so did Ruth Briggs, and Louise Anderson, one of the five original WAC officers and now secretary to the AFHQ Deputy Chief of Staff, General "Jock" Whiteley. Even Tex abandoned his office worries.

We left late at night. The trip proved to be smooth and, after a few rubbers of the usual Eisenhower bridge, the plane turned into a morning dormitory.

Awakening to daylight and humming chaper, I looked out the window to see one of the world's most memorable sights—sunrise over the pyramids.

Riding into the city, we forgot the heat and the dirt, ogling like tourists the great pyramids and an oasis of pre-war memories, filled with smart, well-fed people and civilian motor cars.

The ride ended before a large villa reserved for General Eisenhower. "Big, isn't it?" he said sheepishly as we looked around. Then he seemed to realize we were "excess baggage" for the official entourage, with no assigned quarters. "Where are you girls going to stay?" he asked.

"Don't worry about us, Sir," Louise said. "We're used to taking care of ourselves. We'll find a place."

The General insisted we remain in his villa. "Butch isn't here and I'll be lonely in this little palace," he emphasized. "And I'll be away at meetings most of the time, so you can have the house pretty much to yourselves."

A Home in Cairo

It was irregular, but well-appreciated. We had found a home in Cairo. An officer in charge of the General's arrangements moved three beds into a room on the ground floor section, which had the added attraction of a private bath.

The real thrill of our visit came when General Marshall, alarmed at the hazy, barred look of his Mediterranean command, directed General Eisenhower to take a few days' rest before returning to the Italian campaign. The Chief of Staff, in fact, ordered General Ike to take three days for a complete holiday. Always the good soldier and an oasis of pre-war memories, filled with smart, well-fed people and civilian motor cars.

Air Chief Marshal Tedder, long an Eisenhower intimate, came up with the perfect answer—Luxor. One of his personal friends was Major Emery, the noted archaeologist. Would the General be interested in a specially conducted tour of Luxor and the burial grounds of the Pharaohs? He could retreat several thousand years from the nervous present. As further bait, Tedder offered the use of his own plane.

General Ike, a lifelong student of history, leaped at the opportunity. And, ever unselfish, he invited along several of his party. Elliott Roosevelt, Tex, Ruth, Louise, and I accepted; I, for one, was frankly thrilled at this chance to see Luxor, Karnak, and a part of the past which had intrigued me since school days.

Idea A Corker

WHEN we got back to Cairo, General Marshall knew at once that his idea of a holiday for the Supreme Commander had been a corker. In fact, General Ike looked so rested and energetic that his Bedouin life had never taken place.

AMUSED

It wasn't till December 1906, three years after the first flight was made, that the Scientific American admitted that it was possible to believe it.

The Wrights were more amused than annoyed by all this. What really got their goat was the attitude of the Smithsonian Institution, the American equivalent of our Science Museum at South Kensington.

It persistently tried to belittle the Wrights and give the credit to its former secretary, Dr. Langley. Langley tried to fly his machine six weeks in 1914. It was modified in a number of ways and flown. So on these grounds the Smithsonian exhibited it with a label calling it "The first man-carrying aeroplane in the world capable of sustained flight."

Even this wasn't true. In its original form it wasn't capable of any kind of flight whatever.

It was because of this row that Orville Wright sent his aeroplane to South Kensington, where it remained till his death last year.

His will showed that the dispute with the Smithsonian having been happily settled, he wished it to be sent there. So it was handed over in Washington last month. Reporters, photographers, film men, and broadcasts were there in scores.

shall, arrived just as we were preparing for the return visit of President Roosevelt. So the normal excitement over General Eisenhower's appointment was lost in the bustle of making ready Amilcar and the White House. The President came in by plane that same afternoon, more fit and energetic than the rest of his party from Cairo.

I was up before dawn the next morning to drive General Ike and the President to the airfield for a dewy 8.30 a.m. takeoff. Mr. Roosevelt was just as friendly and natural as before. "Pa," Watson walked over. "The President wants to say goodbye to you," he said.

Mr. Roosevelt complimented my driving, thanked me for "taking care" of him, and then smiled. "I hope you come to the United States, child. If you do, please be sure to come and see me!"

All eyes at headquarters were on Italy. The gossip, had turned to one's chances of accompanying General Eisenhower to London, but all of us were still concerned with the bitter war going on in the Mediterranean. The General ordered a new Advance CP, keeping with his oft-repeated belief that such moves, at frequent intervals, could keep the sprawling AFHQ on the march; he disliked the idea of headquarters people "digging in" at any one location, particularly in a large, comfortable city, in a manner that created natural resentment among the foot-slogging combat troops. It was an unselfish idea and carried much military logic. But the more social officers always complained at being forced to uproot their comfortable after-hours lives. And the Signal Corps cursed the steady extension of communication facilities, always considerable for the use of the Commanding General and his retinue. This time, there was more grumbling than usual. Ike was establishing his new CP in Italy itself. Some of the plusher officers didn't like the idea of Italian mud.

Caserta Palace

THERE were no bees from me when we flew to Italy on December 18. I was anxious to see that country for the first time and to keep up with the war. I saw less and less attention in the social life, which became increasingly important to many of the staff in Algiers. The weather was bad that day and the flight was long. No one complained about the weather; but Sue Sarafin groused about the long trip, observing pointedly that a four-star general's Flying Fortress should be equipped with a powder room.

Staff officers' worries about puppet life dissipated as soon as they saw the new Advance CP. Our headquarters was literally palatial, the Caserta Palace north of Naples. Once luxurious enough for the kings of Italy, it now offered a sufficient number of rooms and corridors for several military headquarters.

General Eisenhower protested vehemently when he saw his office—a sumptuous room big enough for a railway station or an aeroplane hangar, carefully conceived and decorated to impress and shrink the ego of any dot, the bristles of a mirror, dwarfing, intimidating reception chamber. In short, nothing could have been further from the Eisenhower idea of a small, modest working office accessible to all members of his staff.

He was jokingly told over the giant potted palms, which added an extra, Tzarist touch of power.

We girls were assigned a suite so large that, as someone put it, rain clouds often formed in the distance ceilings. The kitchen was as spacious as but the Eisenhower's entire office at Amilcar. The over-all impression, in fact, was so eerie that we moved our beds into one protecting room, for mutual comfort.

Butch, the inveterate trail-blazer, had been to the Umberto's hunting lodge on a nearby mountain. I remember it particularly

because it was the site of General Ike's memorable Battle With The Rat, which occurred in the bathroom the second night after our arrival. Despite our kibitzing—I roared unmercifully from the shelter of the doorway, while the others whispered good military advice—he had a perfect target; the quarry was cornered atop the toilet seat. But, let it be recorded for history, that the Supreme Commander was a rotten shot. After three or four near-hits by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, head of the straight-shooting army in the world, things were so bad that someone else had to come in and club the poor animal to death.

Choice Of Monty

EARLY on the twenty-first, I drove General Eisenhower and Butch across Italy to Bari, headquarters of General Montgomery. My passengers spent the entire time discussing who should get the nod for command of British troops in the French invasion, perhaps head all ground forces. Butch, with characteristic clarity and lack of sentiment, outlined the relative merits of the two chief contenders, Generals Alexander and Montgomery. Time and time again they came back to the same conclusion: Alexander probably wouldn't be available. Taking that and other military factors into consideration, they settled on Montgomery.

At one of our own CPs, set in the edge of a peach orchard, a driver from the Montgomery headquarters took over and I got out to await the General's return, once again exiled by Monty's order forbidding women in his area. Sitting in the CP, cold and miserable, listening to the incessant rain outside, I thought spitefully of all the things I didn't like about B. L. Montgomery.

It was all the publicity on how General Montgomery, a disciplined non-smoker, often wound up troops with visits or inspections by passing out free cigarettes with his gracious manner. It was one of Monty's trademarks. Yet I couldn't help remembering Monty always asked General Eisenhower for the cigarettes he distributed, without the slightest acknowledgment of their source. The whole business irritated me so much that I reminded General Ike, upon several occasions, that Monty was building up this personal romantic role on a second-hand gesture based upon American generosity. The General, however, sometimes tolerated the evening of a mud-soaked, apparently rain-soaked folly of stooping to such trivialities. "So what?" he laughed.

Not So Tolerant

ON the other hand, the General wasn't quite so tolerant when Monty slowed to a trot in the Sicilian invasion. I often heard him grumble: "Why doesn't Monty get going? What's the matter with him; why doesn't he get going?" He repeated similar remarks later, when Monty slowed down in caution on the Continent. Yet, such statements were made in careful privacy. They never tarnished Monty's press.

One of the few times I really disagreed with the Regular Army viewpoint occurred one evening at General Eisenhower's villa. I was dining with Butch, awaiting the General's return for a little trip up to Caserta. Butch, with his civilian disregard of military discipline, asked Mickey to eat with us. It wasn't the first time we had done so in General Ike's absence and it was very intimate; but I always felt a tiny fear General Eisenhower might return and bring the fury of West Point upon our heads.

This night, he did.

Walking into the house unannounced, he saw Butch, Mickey, and I dining in rather boisterous informality. The Eisenhower grin shrunk into a tight military line; his teeth ground so firmly that muscles rippled up each cheek. The story warnings were up. Butch, he said ominously, "I'd like to see you for a minute!"

They disappeared into another room. Poor Mickey muttered something about being finished, and fled into the kitchen. I picked at the food, cursing the war, the Army, and uniforms in toto.

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SINATRA OF THE PULPIT

By James Cooper

CALGARY, Alberta.

BIBLE-LOVER Ernest Charles Manning, the 40-year-old Premier of Alberta and the youngest Premier in the Commonwealth, enlarged his own empire recently when, over Calgary radio station CFON, he broadcast his weekly sermon for the Prophetic Bible Institute.

In the five-and-a-half years he has been Premier his Bible interpretations to 800 worshippers in the red brick and stucco institute have become top listening for 200,000 listeners in the prairie provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan as big as Britain, France, and Germany together.

The difference in this last broadcast was that recordings were made of the strong, resonant voice of the slim, 5ft. 12in. evangelist, whose corn-coloured hair strays over his high forehead and rimless glasses.

These recordings, for re-broadcast, will go 1,000 miles west over the Rockies to Vancouver, British Columbia, east to Regina, Saskatchewan, and finally to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Soon what is known as Canada's Bible Belt, "of black earth and white hearts," may stretch across half a continent.

And Canadian politicians are wondering if politics, according to the gospel of Manning, will sweep through other provinces as they have through Alberta.

Ex-farmer's boy Manning may put preaching before politics, may deny that he is a politician, but he heads Alberta's Social Credit Government.

As £2,125 a year Premier he has changed the policy from one of radical monetary reform to that of Right-wing free enterprise. This policy suits the booming province's farmers and oilmen so well that this year they returned him to office with 51 out of the 57 seats.

Now his party is committed to try to end what today passes for Social Credit into other provinces. His enemies say that Manning, as a Frank Sinatra of the pulpit, can best do this through the Bible Institute, a branch of the Baptist Church.

It is difficult to decide which is religion and which is politics in the Manning make-up.

When Manning was 16 he bought a radio set and heard by chance the booming voice of "Bible Bill" Aberhart (pronounced Ayberhart), the founder of the institute. Says Manning: "It got me."

He packed up, went to Calgary, lived with the Aberharts as their first pupil, became the first graduate of the institute.

When Aberhart accepted Social Credit, so did Manning. When Aberhart slumped the province Manning was with him. When Aberhart became Premier, Manning, only 27, became provincial secretary. When Aberhart died it took only seconds for Cabinet colleagues to choose Manning as Premier.

Now politics and religion go hand in hand. There is a Bible in the Premier's office. Both Social Credit and institute meetings open with prayer and hymns.

The hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," is sung so often at Social Credit meetings that it has been dubbed their campaign song. Second choice is "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Manning is no milk-and-water campaigner. He looks undisturbed and, as he builds a fence or shovels snow around his seven-roomed house in Edmonton, he might pass for a suburban bank clerk.

But most people say that with Mormon Bishop Nathan Tanner, Minister of Resources, and United Church minister Peter Dawson, the Speaker, he has given himself the name of 846,000 people an honest Government.

TELLING TALES

... of the kind of world we are living in today

It was lunchtime at the Unesco assembly. A group of women "workers" was seated at one table. The waitress approached and said: "Will you have Russian or French dressing with your salad?" Whereupon an earnest little woman at the table spoke up excitedly: "Let's all have Russian dressing—it may help us to understand them a bit better."

A Communist agent was doing his rounds in Tuscany, keeping peasants up to the mark. "If you had two farms," he asked one peasant, "what would you do?"

"I would give one to the State and farm the other myself."

"Good," said the Communist agent. "Now, what would you do if you had two cows?" The peasant scratched his head, and then said: "I would give one to the State and milk the other to the best of my ability."

"If you had two bicycles," the Communist agent pressed, "what would you do?"

The peasant said nothing. No amount of prompting would make him answer.

That night a friend said to the peasant: "Why didn't you answer about the bicycles—you were doing so well till then?"

"I have two bicycles," said the peasant.

"This sixpence, my boy, was given to me by Mr. Gladstone."

"Why did you never spend it, grandpa?"

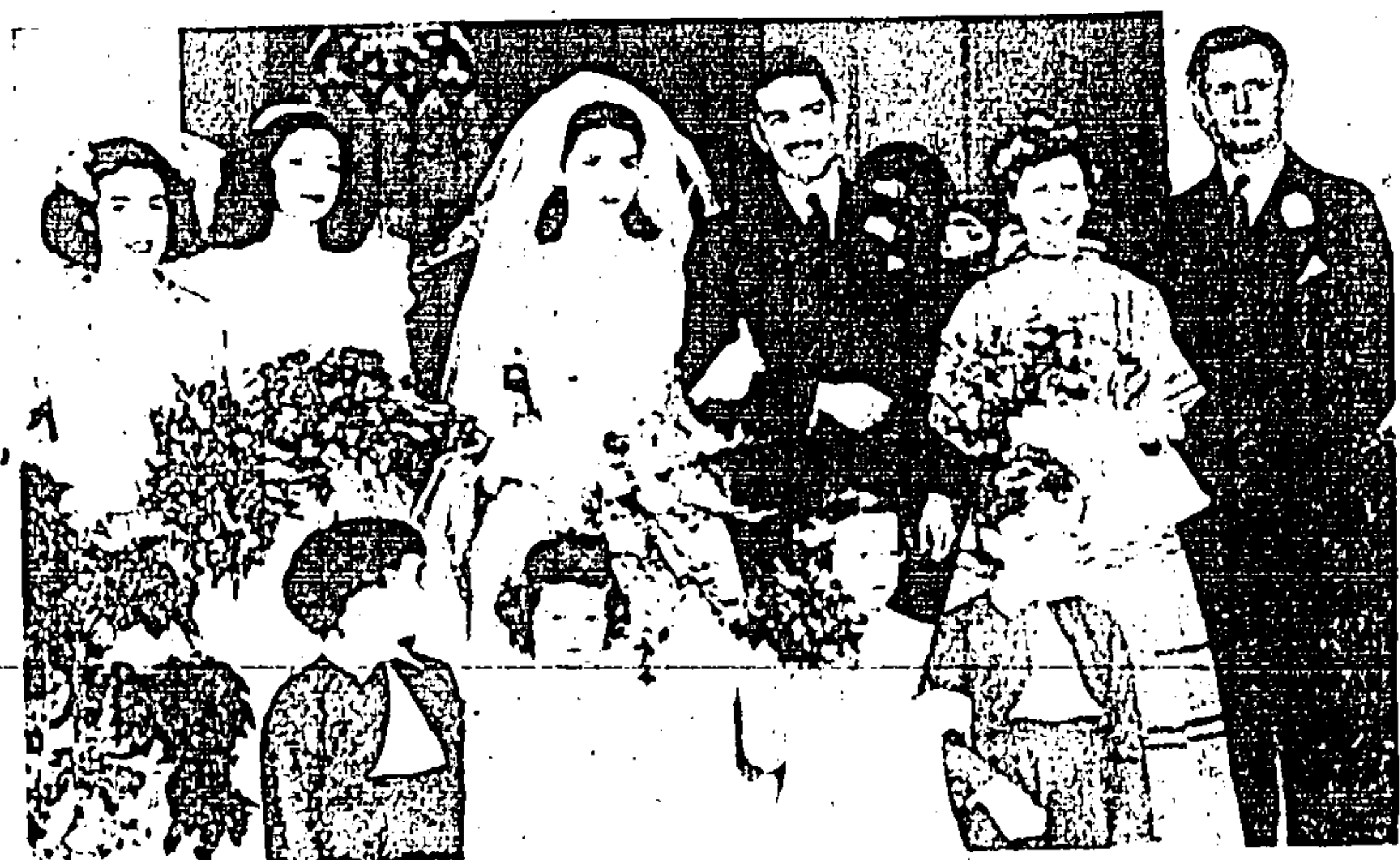
"I'm holding on to it in the hope that one day it may be worth sixpence again."



ABOVE are seen officers and nurses of the Nursing Division of the St John Ambulance Brigade marching to St John's Cathedral last Sunday when the Brigade turned out for a church parade. Right: Colonel Sir James Sleeman, Chief Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Brigade Overseas (extreme right), photographed outside St John headquarters with Mr A. di Arculli (left), Hongkong Commissioner, Mr I. B. Trevor, Assistant Commissioner, and, in the rear, Mr R. A. Edwards, Corps Officer. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



BELOW: Photo taken outside St John's Cathedral last Saturday after the wedding of Mr Douglas Gerald Hewitt and Miss Marie-Antoinette Francoise Dubois. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



LAVISH and colourful was the Hongkong Stage Club's production of "Treasure Island," given at the China Fleet Club last week. Both the decor and the portrayals were described as ambitious and imaginative. Here are two scenes from the play. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



ONE of the season's most brilliant social functions was St George's Ball, held at the Peninsula Hotel last week. Immediately above, the official party, including HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, heading the list of distinguished guests, is seen going in to supper, preceded by the Fifes and Drums of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs. Above right: the President of St George's Society, Lt-Col E. J. R. Mitchell, speaking during the course of the evening. Below and at right are two scenes taken in the Ballroom. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Mr Robert Joseph Chu and his bride, formerly Miss Mary Frances Swaine, smile happily after their wedding at St Margaret's Church last Sunday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at the Registry on the occasion of the marriage of Mr Ko Chun-tung, son of Mr Ko Cheuk-hung, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Miss Tse Fung-ping. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MARSHAL of the Royal Air Force Lord Douglas of Kirtleside arrived in Hongkong for a short visit during the week. He was the guest during his stay of HE the Governor at Government House. Lord Douglas (right) is pictured stepping ashore at Kai Tak. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

Elegant Theatre Suit



By PRUNELLA WOOD

OUTSTANDING in the parade of wonderful fashions for after-dark occasions, this sooty-black formal, shorter gown and shoulder wrapping wrap to match. Slim as a costume can be, closely moulded as a dressmaker can contrive it, the model is yet an easy and elegant creation.

The fabric is black silk crepe, entirely covered with black soutache braid stitching, in effect like a fabulous, sheer fur. The wrap-me-tight capelet is held together by a hook easily manipulated, centre back at the waistline. The frock has a low, round neckline back and front, almost no sleeves, and is totally without recent trimming. Shown with it is a small black velvet half-hat, with glycerined ostrich trim.



Dress Up Dishes With Herbs

THE booth that attracted most attention at the recent Old Fashioned Food and Candy Bazaar in Detroit was the exhibit of herbs. From the moment the doors opened until closing time, crowds clustered around to share in the "Food Spree" tasting; to ask questions about cooking with herbs; and to buy one or more basic herbs as a starter for their own herb shelf.

heated in barbecue sauce. These can be served hot right from the chafing dish."

Dinner

Tomato Aspic with Cole Slaw
Herbed Meat Loaf
with Horse-Radish
Bran Muffins
Baked Potatoes
Escalloped Onions with Cheese
Croustade Raisin Pudding

Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Large
Recipes Serve Four

Herbed Meat Loaf

Combine $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. each chopped lean beef, veal and pork. Put through the food chopper a second time with the food chopper a second time with 3 stalks celery and leaves and 3 sprigs parsley. Add 1 c. coarse dry bread crumbs browned in 2 slices ground salt pork; add the bits of pork. Season with $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. powdered basil, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. powdered marjoram, 3 tsp. barbecue sauce, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pepper. Rub a leaf cake pan (8" x 11") with margarine and dust it lightly with $\frac{1}{2}$ c. fine dry crumbs. Pack in the meat mixture; bake 1 hr. in a moderate oven, 350 F.

Escalloped Onions With Cheese
Peel 16 shall, white-skinned onions and steam-bol 15 min. in $\frac{1}{2}$ c. water (or pressure cook 2 min. at 15 lbs.) Butter a 1-qt. low casserole or baking dish. Put a layer of the onions in the casserole. Sprinkle over 2 tsp. cheese; then cover with a second layer of onions. Pour over 2 1/2 c. medium-thick white sauce made with one-half cup of the liquid drained from the onions after cooking, plus $\frac{1}{2}$ c. whole or skimmed milk. Cover with grated cheese and bake 35 min. in a moderate oven, 350 F.

Croustade Raisin Pudding
Cut plain white or raisin bread, or leftover coffee cake into dice, and slow-try until light brown in 2 tsp. butter or margarine. Then add $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. nutmeg, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt and 3 c. fresh milk or reconstituted dry skim milk. Put half of the croustades in a qt.-sized baking dish. Sprinkle with $\frac{1}{4}$ c. moist raisins. Then pour in the remaining mixture. Add 2 tsp. raisins and cover with the remaining croustades. Slow-bake at 350 F. for 40 min. Serve warm or cold, plain or with top cream.

Trick Of The Chef

For delicious flavour, sprinkle poppy seed lightly over cornbread. Butter before baking. But be sure to wash the poppy seed first in tepid water, then drain. You will be surprised

GRANDMOTHER'S TREASURES ADORN THE YOUNG

By JOAN ERSKINE

LONDON. CHRISTMAS, the New Year — and a generous measure of parties, fun and gaiety. And the dresses the women wore?

Perhaps we should call it Grandmother's Week, for out came all their treasures to adorn the younger generation. Stoles and fascinators were wound round the new short hair-do; high-necked dresses were fastened with outside cameo brooches (I even saw one with a lock of hair twisted in it); low-necked styles showed off chokers of every kind, from black velvet ribbon to black shining jet. And, incredible as it may seem, earrings were once again dangling.

Not very long ago, antique shops were crowded with Victorian trinkets of every kind, among them long black jet earrings. But the antique shops have had a boom. So again grandmother had to come to the rescue. She found, too, that her black lace mittens were in favour; her long fringed lace scarf was suddenly popular; and if she had any old seals or large stone rings...

It is no longer fashionable to wear bracelets clinking with hundreds of gold charms. But wear a thin gold chain, and have a single ponderous Georgian seal on it (the older and more antique the better). Or one large old coin (the sort grandmother wore on his watch-chain) would do.

But grandmother's possibilities were by no means exhausted. If she had an old taffeta petticoat that really rustled, it was given the time of its life this Christmas! Tiny nipped-in Victorian jackets, ostrich-feather fans—they were all given an airing.

Lavender And Lace

And with this lavender-and-lace revival, did we exude a faint scent of violets and mignonette? We did not. Oddly enough, perfumes have gone to the other extreme. They are heavy and exciting. You may favour L'Origan by Coty (described as a perfume for the sophisticated); Bond Street by Yardley; or Blue Grass by Elizabeth Arden.

Blue Grass—a clear fresh scent—is enjoying a great wave of popularity at the moment. Whether due to the name, the publicity, or the scent itself, it is hard to tell. And this was a highly perfumed Christmas, for unlike the last, great quantities of famous makes were on sale in the big stores. Goya, a very popular make, is, I believe, the only firm to market the tiny hand-bag size phials. This time they produced a small box complete with four of these bottles for the extraordinarily low price of ten shillings.

A WHITE fluffy boll, an army of spinners and weavers, a team of expert designers—and the result? Cotton. The poor child of the textile world had a long hard struggle before it made fashion headlines, but it finally struggled up to take an honoured place among the silks and satins, the rayons and taffetas. And it holds a unique place. Its range of possibilities is enormous.

From a flowered housecoat in the morning, to an off-the-shoulder gown at night, from a county hall to a country walk, it is cotton all the way.

Open wide your windows to the morning sun in Horrocks' full-skirted delightfully simple housecoat. Intended either for leisure in the grand manner, or as a beach wrap, it combines practical charm with youthful gaiety.

And there is more than a hint of warmer weather in a strapless holiday ensemble comprising topless dress and bolero. For lively, a touch is added by the use of Broderie Anglaise to finish the hem and bodice. The design has a lace effect—very new and dainty.

And for town wear, for the younger set, comes a charming two-piece dress in poplin. The dark ground has a fragile design of lilacs-of-the-valley and the simplicity of the style will prevent it "dating" too rapidly.

Being a Perfect Hostess Is A Trick Any Woman Can Learn

By ELEANOR ROSS

PARTY time is in full swing again. For some women, many of them with a modest household and very little or no outside help, a party is a joy, not only for the guests but for the hostess as well. But there are some women, with a beautiful home, with a maid, and no budget problems who get the jitters just at the thought of giving a party.

Hostesses who win admiration and praise from their guests are the ones whose social activities are smooth and apparently effortless. Whether giving a dinner, for twelve, a big afternoon tea, a buffet supper or a simply entertaining a couple at bridge, some women have the faculty for easy, gracious hospitality, while others wind up with migraine if they have to entertain a relative or friend at just an average meal. Not that such women aren't generous or the least of hospitality. It is simply that they don't go at entertaining in a well-prepared, scientific way.

The successful hostess never entertains beyond the limits of her

household. Nor does she splurge so wildly that it is bread and beans for her family the rest of the week. She knows what she is going to serve, what china, tableware and linen are to be used, and she prepares as far ahead as possible. Not for her a frantic last-minute chore to match up some china from open stock, which she finds no more available. Her china and silverware are in order and sparkling clean ahead of time.

If overnight guests are expected, her good hostess makes sure beforehand that the guest room is in apple-pie order and ready for the occupants. She sees to it that there is proper bed-linen, that there is an ample supply of extra towels, and that there are spare blankets at hand, if needed. No quick trips for extra items just before guests arrive, for this type of hostess. And no need for a hurry-up wash to have things ready. If she is equipped to do it, she sees to it that the necessary linen, blankets and such are always ready.

Idea From America
An idea from America, too, has been adapted for our needs. Last year all the co-eds were wearing black or navy cottons with gold accessories and little Roman sandals in complete gold kid. The coming year, will we see suits here in black plus—a novel idea for looking girlishly formal, and at the same time, refreshingly cool.

But it is considered possible that these new trends in cotton design may sell better overseas than in Britain. This is principally because of the climate. Really hot days are, unfortunately, a rare phenomenon, and when they come, women are more inclined to sally forth in the very lightest and brightest clothes they possess. So there is a chance that the new dark cottons, vying for favour with the more familiar designs, may not come off so well over here.

And from Paris comes corded cotton, which looks like expensive grosgrain, can be made into evening coats, and has the great advantage

of being washable. In the range of less obvious cotton products, too, the over-popular corduroy is apt to be overlooked.

Remember the chenille and cotton tufted bedspreads? Designers have now discovered that nothing could be more ideal for beach-coats than this fabric which has been given more than one name—candle-wick, cotton-luft. Specially woven to give a ridged effect of tufts, this material is not only decorative, but hard-wearing and washable. The new year's collections are going to give many women, who possess old and well-worn bedspreads, some very new ideas.

A BRITISH manufacturer had the bright idea of putting a print on a finished dress. The print can be of anything you choose—put on anywhere you wish. Many stores are having prints of their own establishments put on the front of dresses, for advertisement purposes. Simpson's of Piccadilly showed a dress with a large print of their own store on the skirt, complete with pantant waving in the breeze from the foot!

UNDERWEAR is becoming increasingly luxurious, and I see it has returned. Ideal for warm sultry days, its return has been eagerly awaited. A new patented rayon, too, is on the market, which is being knitted into fine lace designs. And in Bond Street recently I saw black satin underwear with panels of gay tartan let in—tartan, incidentally, of no known clan!

TEEN-AGERS will greet, with their usual exuberance, an old idea in a new form for cheering up a sweater. Some fine hand-knitted white sweaters I saw recently were embroidered all over with sets of words in a number of languages. One in particular I noticed, had YES and NO, JA and NEIN, GUT and NON, and so on in a dozen other tongues. The latest dance tunes, were treated in the same way. One way of showing how internationally minded we are?

Lovely, Long Eyelashes



To use an eyelash curler properly, fit the lash carefully between its edges, making sure you don't pinch the lid.

By HELEN FOLLETT

LONG, black, gorgeous eyelashes are the envy of every girl who doesn't have them. Let her not despair. If her fairy godmother didn't kiss her in the cradle, she can still get them.

Get yourself some mineral oil—if your wipers do not quibble—and apply it faithfully, not only at night, but every morning after you have washed your face.

Touch the lashes along the roots, using the finger gently. These little fringes are not a very sturdy growth, the life of each shaft being limited, and tender treatment is necessary. If the eyelids will have a deplorable effect upon them. If they are not cured, the follicles from which the silky threads emerge may be destroyed and no little under-studies will pop out to carry on. Stiles are tough on eye curtains. If you are afflicted with these pests, apply pads of gauze that have been dipped in a warm boracic acid solution.

Don't be tempted to bead your pretty wipers. The heated preparations used for this purpose may create grave eye troubles. They can splash in the eyes, causing scars or endangering vision.

It just isn't being done any more except by those pretty ones who appear upon the stage or the silver screen and they are in the "know-how" group.

Mascara is a safe darkening agent. Never touch the lower lashes. There is always present a certain amount of moisture around the eyes and, with mascara on the lower lid, there is a possibility of having muddy streams on your cheeks.

There was a time when lashes were dyed, but, because of the danger to eyesight, few operators are willing to give these treatments. Why take a chance?

An eyelash curler is a nice item for your dressing table. But be careful not to pinch the lids when using it.

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By MARION CLYDE McCARROLL

NEW things in curtains are cropping out all over! Not only new materials, but new ideas that make it easier to put curtains up, keep them clean and so on. Keeping windows smartly dressed is no longer the back-breaking and expensive proposition it used to be, by any means.

Take, for example, the matter of lace curtains, which are back in high style again.

Today, you can get them woven of nylon on lace looms, making them light and filmy, as well as very simple to keep that way. In addition to staying clean longer than the old-fashioned lace curtains since the smoothness of nylon retards soiling, they can be washed quickly by hand and dried without need of stretchers. All that's necessary is to hang them on the clothes line till the water has drained off, then put them right back on the curtain rods to finish drying.

These nylon lace curtains come in ten patterns, including small geometric motifs and large overall floral designs.

Then there are the curtains made of plastic film, which can be had to match bedspreads of the same material, and the plastic film draperies in soft decorator colours. Laundering here is merely a matter of wiping clean with a damp cloth. These curtains, draperies and bedspreads were seen at a recent exhibition in New York of an all-plastics three room apartment.

Another new type of curtain makes it possible for you to do your windows in the smartest decorator fashion by means of a permanently sewn-in shirring tape. A pull of the tape, and your curtains fall softly and accurately into perfectly styled draping, without the use of tie-backs. These curtains come in a great variety of materials, including nylon.

There's also a criss-cross curtain that's a snap-across affair, requiring only one rod for hanging. One plain curtain panel snaps across the back of the ruffled outer curtain.

DRAPERIES OF PLASTIC FILM in soft decorator colours were featured in the living room of a three-room all-plastics apartment shown recently in New York. To clean, the draperies need merely be wiped with a damp cloth.



LACE CURTAINS IN THE MODERN manner are woven of nylon on lace looms, and can be washed by hand and quickly dried without need of stretchers (left). **PLASTIC FILM**, again, made of dainty hand-painted window curtains in the bedroom of the all-plastic apartment. They match the bedspreads (right).



LIFE IS MADE INFINITELY easier for the curtain-hanging housewife by curtains with sewn-in shirring tapes. Pull the tape and the curtain is draped.

Dermatitis Caused By Clothing

By Herman N. Bundesen

YOU really have to have an attack of inflammation of the skin, or dermatitis, to realise how distressing it is because of the itching and skin rash which it produces. And one thing most people don't realise is that it is not unusual for skin inflammation to be caused by contact with certain articles of clothing. The inflammation in such cases usually begins about five days or more after the garment was first worn.

The skin rash is, as a rule, sharply limited and confined to the area of skin which has been touched by the garment causing the difficulty.

In some few instances, the rash may be generalised, due to the fact that the chemicals causing the disturbance have been absorbed through the skin and carried to various parts of the body. In these cases, however, there is often fever together with the skin rash. The skin rash itself may be limited to redness of the skin, or it may be made up of a swollen area covered with pimples or blisters.

If the clothing is responsible for the rash and it is cut off and fastened to the skin with adhesive tape, redness of the skin will develop in this area. This procedure is called a "patch test."

Finish on Fabric

To find the actual irritating chemical in the garment, it may be necessary to determine from the manufacturer the names and types of dyes and finishes employed on the fabric. The patient may then be tested with these materials to see whether or not he is sensitive to them.

Once the diagnosis of dermatitis from wearing apparel is made, the treatment is simple. The garment causing the trouble should under no circumstances be worn again, and some soothing preparation should be put on to the skin. With this treatment, a cure usually soon results.

The finishes on the fabrics are the most frequent cause of skin inflammation due to garments. These finishes are put on fabrics to make them look and feel better, and to give longer wearing qualities.

Of course, dermatitis may be produced by contact with leather, furs, rubber articles, and jewellery. It must be remembered, however, that regardless of what substance causes the rash, it is always made worse if wool is worn next to the irritable part of the skin. As a rule, a skin specialist can determine just what article of apparel is causing the disturbance in a particular person, so that further contact with it may be avoided.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

SEE that the children have good light for their homework. If they use the dining room table for their work, better move a study lamp there, as dining room fixtures are seldom adequate lighting for reading. A table study lamp should be tall enough and have a shade broad enough to spread a wide circle of light, so that a child can sit up comfortably when reading. The lamp shade should have a white lining and slanting sides to reflect all light possible. For best reading conditions, the room should have general lighting in addition to clear direct light on the work.

If you cannot remove a white stain from a table or other piece of finished furniture with olive oil or oil of peppermint, try again with cigarette ashes added to the oil.

Advice to a Young Husband

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

HAVING been married, happily, I believe, to the same wife for 30 years, I'm going to venture a few suggestions to the young fellow just married.

I assume that you really wish to make a go of your marriage and to be sure you contribute your full share to this success. One simple rule will be your best: Put foremost the lasting happiness of your wife, treating her always as the sacred personality she is. Assuming that she and you are physically fit, you won't need to have concern about sex adjustments. In case you will have closely the foregoing rule.

Now here are some matters which, though seemingly small, are very big, as you will discern if you will weigh their psychological significance. You like to see your wife neat, tidy and attractive. She also likes to see you so.

Self-Discipline

Keep yourself under strict self-discipline, always, never growing careless of your considerations and courtesies and personal appearance, never neglecting to shave, for example, and to be clean and tidy when relaxing at home or appearing at meals. Whether you and she eat in the dining room or any other place, never begin to eat until she also is ready. The temptation will be great for you to begin the meal before she has it wholly prepared and served. Just this simple consideration can do more to build for her happiness and yours than you can easily imagine. As you see, if you begin to eat before she, you put her on an inferior footing. Then, if after the first child arrives, you should go on without waiting, see the possible ill effects to him.

If you have the silly notion that you should not deign to help your wife prepare the meal, wash the

dishes, or do other things about the house, you are handicapped in building for the greatest marital happiness.

When you don't help her at all or rarely, you deny yourself a vast deal of comradeship with her and you dramatise the suggestion that what she does is very unimportant. The same will hold if you don't, later, help to care for the infant or older child.

Light Housekeeping

Of course, right now her housekeeping load may be very light in comparison with your daily job. Even so, it's not the help she needs so much as the psychology of your helping. If only a bit occasionally. After one or two children have arrived there can be no question about the weight of her job and nervous strain. Even then, for you to share somewhat in the household cares and the care of the baby is many times more meaningful to her happiness and yours now and later than the mere physical relief from her burdens. It's what it all means to her, a person, your wife.

Something more—as you help in the physical care of the tiny infant and also in bathing him when he is two or three, reading to him, making things with him, enjoying his creations, "teasing" his nerves, putting him to bed, occasionally or often, you grow in appreciation of him as a developing personality, all of which can cement more securely your best companionship with your wife. Besides, as you and she together get the necessary work done, you and she have more time to relax together and to go out for recreation together. As you see, all of this fits nicely into the simple rule we started with. I personally know a number of young husbands who have been working out patterns like the foregoing.



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MR S. C. Lau, former Senior Superintendent of Police (R), who resigned from the Police Reserve after more than 20 years, was the guest of honour at a cocktail party held on Tuesday at the Police Reserve Club. A presentation was made to Mr Lau (in centre above) by the Commissioner of Police, Mr D. W. MacIntosh. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MISS Lo Tak-ching, the well-known swimmer, was married to Mr Chan Yuet-ming at the Registry recently.



THE Hon. Arthur Mase, President of the Hongkong Football Association, speaking at the dinner given at the Hongkong Hotel last week in honour of the visiting Korean football team. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THESE two pictures were made at the Sacred Heart School last week when the past students held a reunion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Antonio Maria Placo Souza and his bride, formerly Miss Olga Teresa Cordeiro. They were married at the Rosary Church last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PHOTO taken after the christening at St Andrew's Church last Sunday of Peter William, son of Mr and Mrs William Henry Summers. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, Chief Scout of Hongkong, being conducted around the Scouts' camp at Saiwan, which he visited last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Peter Pike and his bride, the former Miss Stella Romer, leaving St John's Cathedral after their wedding last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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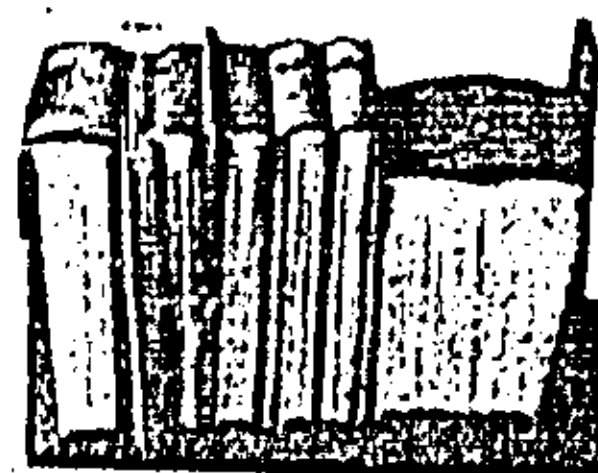
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*Man under death sentence
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SIR HENRY CURTIS-BENNETT
defender of Vaquer

It was in Biarritz that Mrs. Mabel Jones, wife of the licensee of the Blue Anchor Hotel, Byfleet, met the flamboyant little Frenchman Jean Pierre Vaquer.

Between them a strange liaison arose, and when Mrs. Jones left, Vaquer followed—from Biarritz to London, from London to the Blue Anchor in Surrey. There he stayed. One morning, Mrs. Jones's husband died, poisoned with strychnine.

The trial of the bearded Vaquer provided the great legal drama of 1921. Sir Patrick Hastings, then Attorney-General, led for the Crown. Here he describes the scenes in Court.

IN some ways the trial of Vaquer was a very remarkable one.

The prisoner was French, and the evidence had to be translated.

Vaquer's overweening vanity was self-evident, but his knowledge of criminal procedure came entirely from the French courts.

He expected to be bullied not only by the prosecuting counsel but by the judge himself. He expected to be shouted at and called an assassin.

The studied impartiality with which he was treated appeared to raise in his mind an entirely erroneous belief.

As nobody shouted at him he thought they liked him; as nobody called him an assassin he seemed to think that nobody thought that he was one.

He appeared to be under the belief that the case was proceeding in an atmosphere of kindness which could only end in a triumphant acquittal.

The morning after the party

Alfred Jones had died on March 29, the day after a party at which there was a good deal of heavy drinking.

After any night of indulgence, Mr. Jones made a habit of drinking bromo salts in the morning, the bottle being kept in the bar parlour. On the morning after the party Jones had gone into the parlour, poured a dose of salts into a glass, and died in agony the same day from strychnine poisoning.

Mrs. Jones, the first witness, was obviously in a somewhat unsympathetic position. Her intrigue with Vaquer as it developed became blatant and indeed contemptible.

The picture of a sorrowful wife was difficult to make convincing, and her evidence upon the whole might seem to require considerable corroboration.

The main interest in the trial so far as her evidence was concerned necessarily centred around her cross-examination.

The outstanding problem which must have been present to the mind of every counsel concerned in the case was a statement made by Vaquer that he was in a position to identify the murderer.

It was thought possible that the cross-examination of Mrs. Jones might throw some light upon this suggestion.

No one at the Bar was more experienced in defending a prisoner upon trial for murder than Sir Henry Curtis-Bennett.

No one could have worked harder in defence of a prisoner than Sir Henry in his efforts for Vaquer. But his cross-examination of Mrs. Jones threw little light upon the major problem.

There was certainly no possible suggestion against George, the potman at the Blue Anchor, of whom Vaquer had said: "He has an incontestable ascendancy over Mrs. Jones." There was a vague suggestion that she had a solicitor who was in love with her, and that was all.

Two servants were called. The main point emerging from their evidence consisted in the peculiarity of Vaquer's determination to sit in the cold and cheerless bar parlour on the morning of Jones's death; the

prosecution seeking to infer that he was keeping watch on the bottle of bromo salts which was kept in the parlour.

The other material point against him was the fact that

by Sir

Patrick Hastings
K.C.

he had been obviously anxious to secure possession of the bottle from which the salts had been obtained, and the fact that the bottle showed signs of having been washed.

Medical evidence that Jones had died of strychnine poisoning was conclusive. It was also clearly established that strychnine had been inserted into the bottle of bromo salts.

Why did he give a false name?

The other testimony against the prisoner, which would be damning if unexplained, was that of the chemist, Mr. Bland, from whom Vaquer purchased, under the name of "Mr. Wanker," strychnine, chloroform, and perchloride of mercury on the plea that he wanted them for wireless experiments.

It was proved that no wireless experiments required the

he had bought them. Then came the first dramatic moment. He was asked:—"Why did you buy this strychnine?"

And he replied: "I was asked to do so by the solicitor of Madame Jones."

He was asked to give the name of the solicitor, but said he did not know it.

He said that the solicitor had asked him for strychnine in order to poison a dog which had the mange, and had given him £1.

He gave no explanation of his various statements to the police, and in particular gave no other explanation of the person whom he alleged to be the murderer.

Now came the cross-examination, which in many ways was exceptionally dramatic. As the questions proceeded Vaquer was apparently the only person in the court who did not feel

"Perhaps he had no change."
"Did you ever give him the change that you must have got from buying the strychnine?"
"No, he never asked me."

From that moment the absurdity of the prisoner's suggestion became more and more pronounced. I next directed his attention to the signature upon the poison book.

"What is the name you have written there?"

"Wanker."
"Why did you not put your real name?"

"Because I had been told that when you buy poison you never sign your own name."

"Who told you that?"

"The solicitor."

"Did the gentleman who asked you to buy the poison tell you to sign a false name?"

"Yes."

Child could have killed him

"Did it strike you as odd that a complete stranger who wanted to poison a dog was telling you to sign a false name?"

"No."

I then left the poison book and went to the purchase of the chloroform.

"What did you want 100 grammes of chloroform for?"

"For my personal use."

"Had you seen Mr. Jones rank in his hotel at times?"
"I carried him three times to bed."

"Did it ever enter your mind that if anybody wanted to kill Mr. Jones that would be the most easy time to do it?"
"No."

"At the time when you carried Mr. Jones up to bed would it have been easy to give him chloroform?"

"It was easy to give him anything you like. He was so insensible that he could easily have been suffocated with chloroform—very easy; a child could have killed him."

"What did you do with the chloroform?"

"I inhaled it, to sleep."

From the movement in court it might have appeared that those answers alone were enough to seal the prisoner's fate.

Vaquer's statements to police

I concluded with a reference to Vaquer's statements to the police.

"Do you desire to put suspicion on somebody else in this case?"

"After what I wrote to the police that is to be understood."

"What do you mean by this: 'I will make known tomorrow who administered the poison'? Who is the person you intended at that time to name to the police next day?"

"I wish to indicate the solicitor of Mrs. Jones, who had asked me to buy the poison."

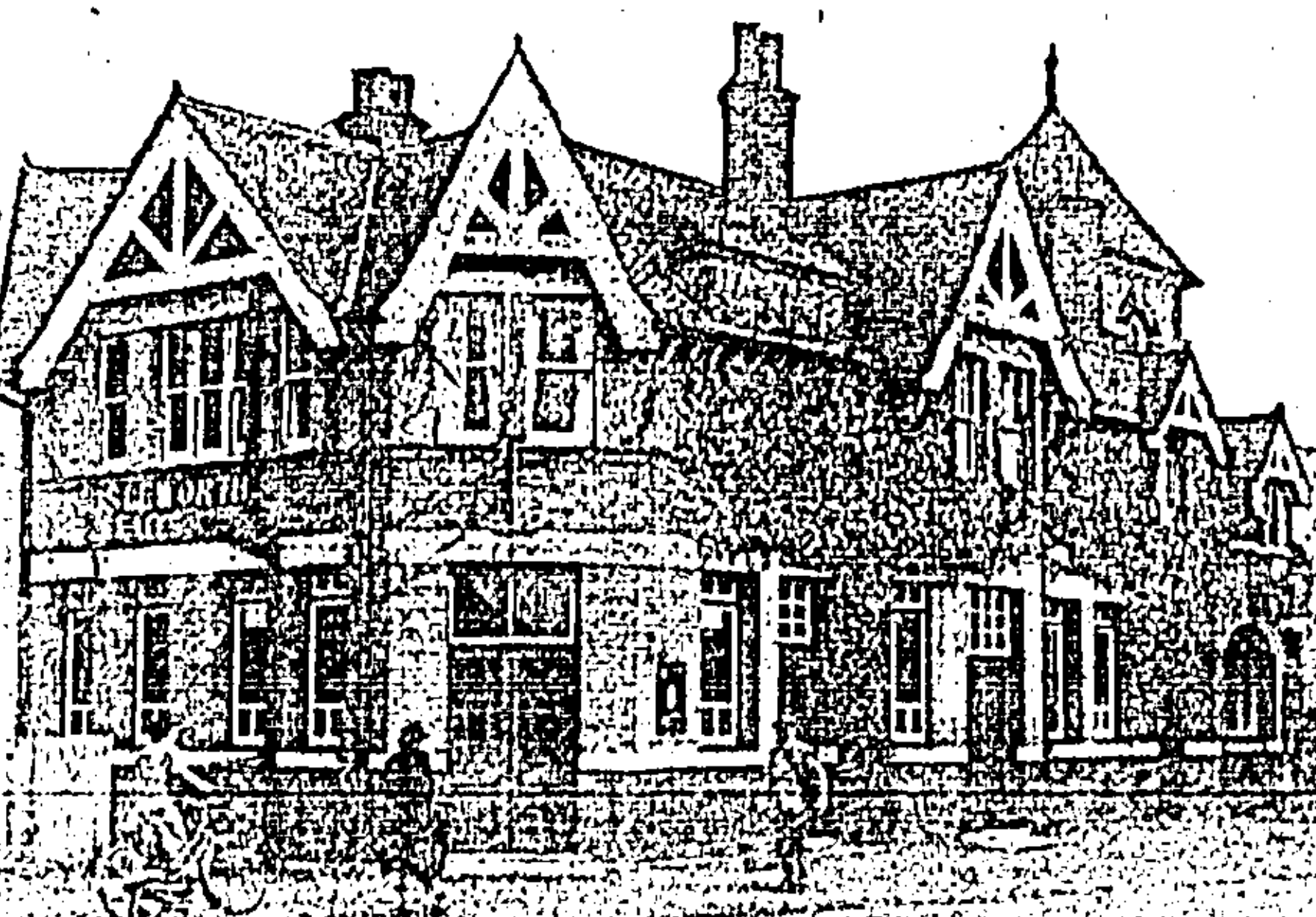
"Is there anybody else whom you intended to name except the solicitor of Mrs. Jones?"

"I said that the solicitor of Mrs. Jones could not have put the poison in the bottle since he had not been there for eight days."

"What did you mean by your statement in which you say this: 'I think the second act of the drama will be the disappearance of the wife of George'?"

"Because George had not perhaps a clear conscience with regard to Mrs. Jones because he might know something."

"Did you not mean by that suggestion that the next person to be murdered would be George's wife?"



The Blue Anchor Hotel

assistance of strychnine, chloroform, or perchloride of mercury.

Why, then, did Vaquer require them, and why had it been necessary to obtain them by means of a false name?

What was the explanation Vaquer had to give of his possession of these poisons, and what was the name of the murderer whom Vaquer was in a position to identify?

If his explanation upon both, or indeed upon either, of these points was satisfactory, he might be acquitted; if not, his peril would seem to be very great.

The 'actor' in the box

The prisoner was the first and only witness called for the defence.

His entry into the witness-box was dramatic. He was quite self-possessed, almost affable in his demeanour, and his main interest appeared to centre around the effect created by his personal appearance.

He said he was in no way concerned with the death of Mr. Jones, and denied all the material evidence against him, including that of Mrs. Jones as to an alleged confession.

The interest in court really developed when he commenced his explanation of the possession of the strychnine.

He admitted the purchases from Mr. Bland, with one important exception.

He alleged that he had purchased 25 grammes of strychnine, and not the amount previously mentioned by the chemist, and he admitted buying 100 grammes of chloroform. He made no reference whatsoever to the name under which

the horror of the rope being drawn more tightly around his neck.

At some of his answers a shudder seemed almost to run from the jury-box into the gallery and yet Vaquer appeared more than satisfied.

Questions that decided case

Quite a few questions and answers were sufficient to make the result of the case a foregone conclusion.

"Do you know what strychnine is?"

"I knew it was a deadly poison."

"Has anybody ever asked you before to buy dangerous poisons for them?"

"Nobody."

"Was it only the second time that you had seen the solicitor of Mrs. Jones that he asked you to buy strychnine?"

"Yes."

"So the person who asked you to buy the strychnine was somebody to whom you had never spoken before?"

"I had never spoken to him before."

"Did you know of any reason why he could not buy the poison for himself?"

"He told me he was very busy and had not time to buy it."

"He gave you a sovereign for the purchase?"

"A pound note."

"Did that strike you as a large sum of money to buy enough strychnine for one dog?"

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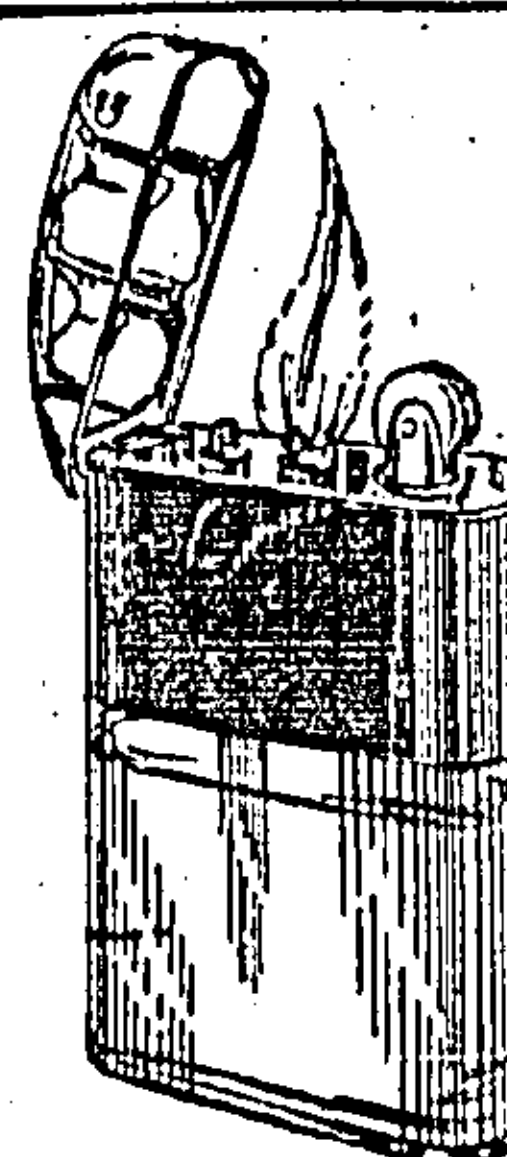
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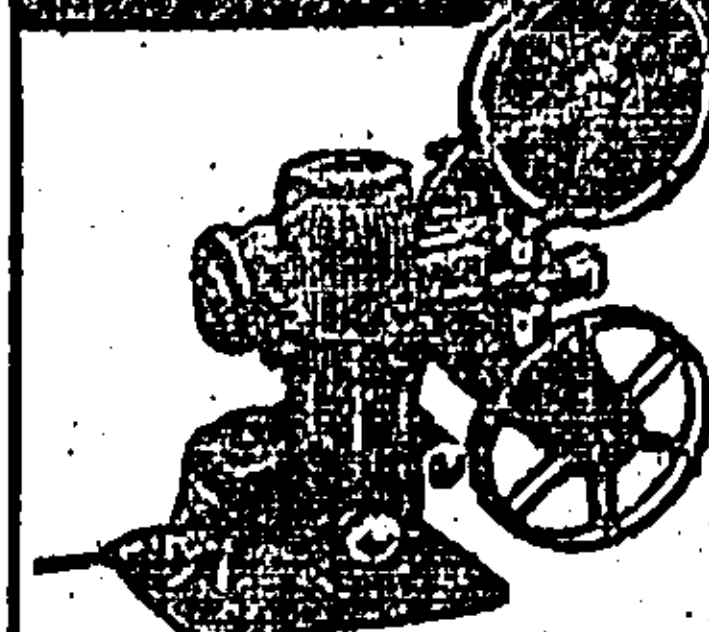
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NEXT WEEK

Why no finger-prints? One question that saved a life.

BACK TO LEAGUE SOCCER

The Koreans Leave Behind An Odd Assortment Of Memories

By "SEE TEE"

Back to league soccer again today, and a return to the Governor's Cup tomorrow. This afternoon all except one of the Senior League clubs are in action.

One-hundred-percent South China "A" should continue in that way at Boundary Street; while at the Club ground Chinese Athletic will be trying to avenge their defeat by the Club in the Shield competition.

Tomorrow the second match of the Governor's Cup competition is to be played at Caroline Hill.

The Koreans are gone, but they have left behind an odd assortment of memories. In the first match of their visit to Hongkong, they showed us brilliantly flashing football of a type far superior to any seen here since the reoccupation.

In less than half an hour they scored five goals against a Hongkong XI. The next day (Sunday) the Combined Chinese ran and busted them off their game, and snatched a narrow 3-2 victory.

If this were unexpected, the victory of the Non-Chinese by the same margin (but much more decisive in execution), came as another pleasant surprise.

Last Sunday's match, in which the Koreans soundly beat one of Hongkong's strongest elevens, seems ample indication that it is too much to expect touring teams to play hard, 90-minute matches on successive days and produce their best form.

Had the first match been of 70 minutes' duration, the second might have been better football entertainment. The third game should not have been brought in on the fourth day. It is asking far too much of strangers in a strange land.

Second thoughts on last Sunday's match, in which the Koreans beat only ten men, and Hongkong finished with only nine, are not altogether happy.

If certain players are again chosen for representative honours after last Sunday's exhibition, the controllers of local football are failing in their duty.

When players, on successive weekends, in big representative matches, blatantly fail to control themselves, they should be told that there is no place in big football for them.

On such occasions as big representative games, more especially with tourists from other lands, Hongkong's association football should be on its best behaviour. Last Sunday's match included far too many lamentable lapses.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Although South China "A" to all intent and purpose have the League Championship in their pockets, there are several interesting matches today.

At the Club ground there is every promise of a stiff encounter between the Club and Chinese Athletic. CAA beat the Club 4-2 in the first match of the season, but the Club, in a Shield tie which went to extra time, knocked out CAA.

Prior to this fixture on the Club ground, the Club's second string faced the formidable juniors of South China.

At the Navy ground there is an interesting afternoon's football. Inter-Service rivalry continues the afternoon's programme with a Navy v. RAF League match.

Last season the airman twice beat the sailors; 1-0 and 3-1. So far the sailors have one victory over the RAF for their credit in this season's League games.

Following the Navy v. RAF game, is the second meeting of the season of Eastern and the Saints. The Saints are still a very erratic team. They sprang a surprise with their Shield victory over the Army last week-end, but one of their main troubles may now be cured.

Goal-keeping blunders have cost the Saints heavily in the past two seasons. Optimism is high in the St. Joseph's camp now that Leck of the Club has joined them. Leck has been unable to get his place between the Club's sticks in recent games.

It is expected that he will play for the Saints this afternoon. He is also chosen to keep goal for the Hongkong FA team in tomorrow's Governor's Cup match.

In their early season meeting, Eastern and the Saints were level (one goal each) at the final whistle.

KITCHIEE IN FORM

Kitchiee's heavy Shield defeat of Eastern last week-end, will draw the crowds to Caroline Hill this afternoon, to see their league match with South China "B".

Kitchiee are showing good form these days. South China "B" have not had a competitive match for almost a month. Their last game was on December 18 when they beat the RAF by five goals to three.

At Boundary Street this afternoon Kwong Wah meet what may be a most experimental Army team. The soldiers' failure to get the goals last week-end line stirred their selectors to renewed efforts.

Knox, at centre forward, had quite a good afternoon, against the Saints at Soekunpo. One goal he scored was a gem, rising high and wide of the keeper. But Knox's shooting was a lonely business. It is understood that Weatherall may be playing as an inside-forward this afternoon.

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Tomorrow's Governor's Cup return match is another speculative fixture. In the first match, at Boundary Street on December 12 the Hongkong FA XI scored a striking victory over the Federation.

Withstanding a terrific first-half onslaught, an experimental FA team suddenly emerged into the bright sunshine with two quick goals. They carried their banner on to a flourishing 6-1 victory.

It is a pity that only six of the winning eleven are available for tomorrow's game. The snap-shooting of Higgs, at centre-forward, will be

much missed. Nevertheless, most of the FA forward line for tomorrow's game have shown they have shooting ability.

Mullen scored one very fine goal against the Koreans; so did Kiernan. Xavier's qualities are too well known to need stressing, while both Knox and Ramskill hold good shots in their boots.

The FA are again faced with a well-chosen Chinese side. If only their forwards will take every opportunity of shooting at goal, success may well be theirs. They have the backing of a good middle line.

SPORT DECLINES IN ERA OF MECHANISED TOYS

Going recently into the matter of the decline in quality of British sport, we came to the conclusion, in concert with one of the keener minds at present occupied with the problem, that this decline stems back to the appreciable falling-off in the playing of the old simple games of childhood.

Leaving aside such major contributory causes as war wastage and lack of food, it was easily demonstrable that if more of today's athletes had been brought up on the street games that used to come round, each, mysteriously, in its appointed season, they would be ten percent better off.

This has nothing to do with more-or-less organised football, swimming, cricket, boxing, and the rest.

It has to do only with the childhood plays we got up to ourselves without benefit of coaches, outfits, and any material other than we could knock together ourselves out of old newspapers, bits of string, and pieces carved from boxwood.

Of half a dozen observers in their early forties, not one could recall ever having had a mechanical toy in life. Books, ties, scarves—these were the kind of presents. The rest of our entertainment we made for ourselves.

GOOD TIMING

For ball games, we either used a tin can or manufactured a ball out of paper and string, and you can accept our word for it that if you can dribble a tin can or a paper ball, you can dribble anything.

Many a Scottish footballer learned most of his tricks of swerve, control, and speed off the mark with a paper ball, just as he developed his sense of timing learning to kick a can without busting his toes.

And any Rugby player will tell you that the old Tig (or Tag) game is a great one for heightening anticipation and developing the feint at speed.

Another one that was recommended for Soccer players was called Bar-the-Door. It was played with two sides whose players hopped on one foot and strove to knock their opposite numbers—two-footed—with a shoulder charge. It is easy to imagine what this did by way of developing leg muscle and, of course, accurate charging.

CO-ORDINATION

There was Tip-Cat, where you knocked a block of wood in the air and then swiped it with any sort of club before it hit the ground. A very good one this for eye-and-hand co-ordination.

And "French" cricket, in which you had a bit of wood to protect your shins from a can at closer and closer range, very good, this, for wrist and eye.

We made our own sledges in the winter and our own whistles in the summer, and anything we couldn't conjure up out of any junk that lay to hand, why, we did without.

But these are highly mechanised days, and the youngsters seem more occupied with radio-tinkering and listening and with cinema and, one way and another, the old muscle-building games appear to have had

NOT "PESTSZENTLORINCZ"! "Ferencvaros"!—Yells The Crowd By ANDRE MARTON

Budapest, Jan. 13.—Soccer is Hungary's most popular sport—35,000 to 45,000 fans watching games every Sunday.

"Ferencvaros"—Known generally as FTC—is the outstanding soccer team of Hungary, and football enthusiasts had every reason to gain happily this Autumn.

"Ferencvaros" led the premier league with 22 points against "Pestszentlorincz", with 10.

"Ferencvaros" is known all over the world. They used to boast that the team won two out of four matches against English teams when they toured England in 1912.

They also scored a bunch of victories in Mexico and the U.S. in 1947, being the first European soccer team to tour overseas after world war two.

"Magyar Testgyakorlók Köre", known as "MTK", the "eternal rival" of "Ferencvaros", the team of classic British soccer traditions, to third with 15 points.

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LITTLE MISS MUSCLES



Dianne Marie Kallio, three years old, is today's moppet bid for tomorrow's weight-lifting championship. She is following in the footsteps of her dad, Keith Kallio, 30-year-old War Department worker, who has been heavyweight lifting champion of the District of Columbia for seven years. Dianne weighs only 32 pounds and has lifted weights of 45 pounds.

SOFTBALL CHATTER

WILDCATS v. CANADIANS HOLDS THE SPOTLIGHT

Taking a share of this week's centre of the stage Thelma Watson's Wildcats meet Alice Mar's Canadians in a tilt promising a surprise. The promising Canadians, if at full strength—seasoned players like Ulian Koo and Mary Ng having been so far doubtful starters—may spring an upset on the stronger Felines, as they did with the powerful Wahoos, the defending champions.

The lead held by the Wildcats will be slimmed in the women's race for the pennant in the event of a defeat. The Canuck girls are not considered in the running for the Bill Woo Shield but they constitute a damaging force nevertheless.

Newsy Khalsa get the play again as they enter the field to threaten the hopes of Buster Hollands' flag-aspiring Madcaps. This is the attraction in the men's senior loop. The Indian boys, like the Canuckettes hold no chance for the championship, but they too can deliver a stunning blow.

These two games top the list for the week. Starry Dolly Brown, the southpaw Wildcat hurler, pitches to colourful Elsie Babida to form a formidable battery. The other members of the Wildcat team include Margie Xavier, Helen Ribeiro, Peggy Barros, Alex Mendonca and Thelma Watson, all of whom are good all-rounders.

Gloria Mar, scintillating shortstop of the original Wildcats, who knocked down all opposition in pre-war days, is back in town and may further strengthen the side by playing again. With such a strong combination the chances of Championship are rosy for the Wildcats.

The versatile Alice Mar leads her impressive rookies, sprinkled with oldtimers, including Margie Woo, Rosita Nye, Helen Leung, Julie Lee, Monica Chifen, Allene Chifen, Katherine Siew, Ulian Koo, Mary Ng and, perhaps, popular Ella Chinn, who may decide to don the Maple Leaf colours again.

Khalsa v. Madcaps Madcaps have lost the services of hurler Kelly Silva-Neto and, but somewhat upset the line-up. However, Buster Hollands or kid brother Sid may take up the hurling assignment and either should do well.

Hard-hitting Sabu Samy, behind the platter, makes up the battery. There are the others, Sheridan Hamet, the Verleysen brothers, Maurice and Robert, Spikes Gutierrez, Renie Squidra, Renie Remedios, who are in the side.

They constitute an above-the-average lot and should win, but after the fight Khalsa would give to any team that plays against them.

Manager Narainder Singh of the Indians will be sending out his usual nine, with the real force behind the squad (?) Captain Barney Abbas, leading in the field. The brothers, Abot and Albert Kader and S. H. and S. K. Khan, H. K. Ebrahim, M. A. Wahab, Jr and R. A. Dux are the others in the surprise-packed Khalsa contingent.

Week-End Stars Theresse Baptista, Wahoos—A 1,000 was hit by feet-footed Theresse, which was the outstanding return in the Wahoos' 22-2 drubbing, of last week's games, of the game Pirates. Terry started against Teammate Theresse Remedios, the "little one," was no meek person when she slashed out a homer, followed in heavy slugging, by Hilda Soares, with a triple. Terry's hits included a double.

Terry Noronha, Wahoos—Big Chief Terry was in lights once more as she banged three hits in five attempts. She was her usual cool self, all the more so when the Pirates weren't dangerous.

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TABLE TENNIS

Britain May Not Hold The Corbillon Cup

By ARCHIE QUICK

The World Table Tennis Championship will be held next month at Stockholm and in official circles there is a pessimistic gloom about Great Britain retaining the Women's Corbillon Cup.

Our two best players, Vera Dace and Dora Berez, are shortly to become mothers and Britain's Number Three, Margaret Blackburn, is studying in America.

Betty Franks will obviously play No. 1 but her form is in and out and there is little top quality to back her up.

So far as we are concerned, it is generally conceded that America is the first favourite for the team contest with their first string, Richard Miles, the probable winner of the Men's Singles Championship.

We have a good side with Barna and Bergmann, both naturalised Britons, but they have passed their peak and there are no home born men good enough to lift the Swaythling Cup or even reach the Singles final.

OUTRAGED TO A HOCKEY RECORD

London, Jan. 13.—The Streatham hockey team set a new British scoring record last night in beating the Racing Club of Paris 23-3.

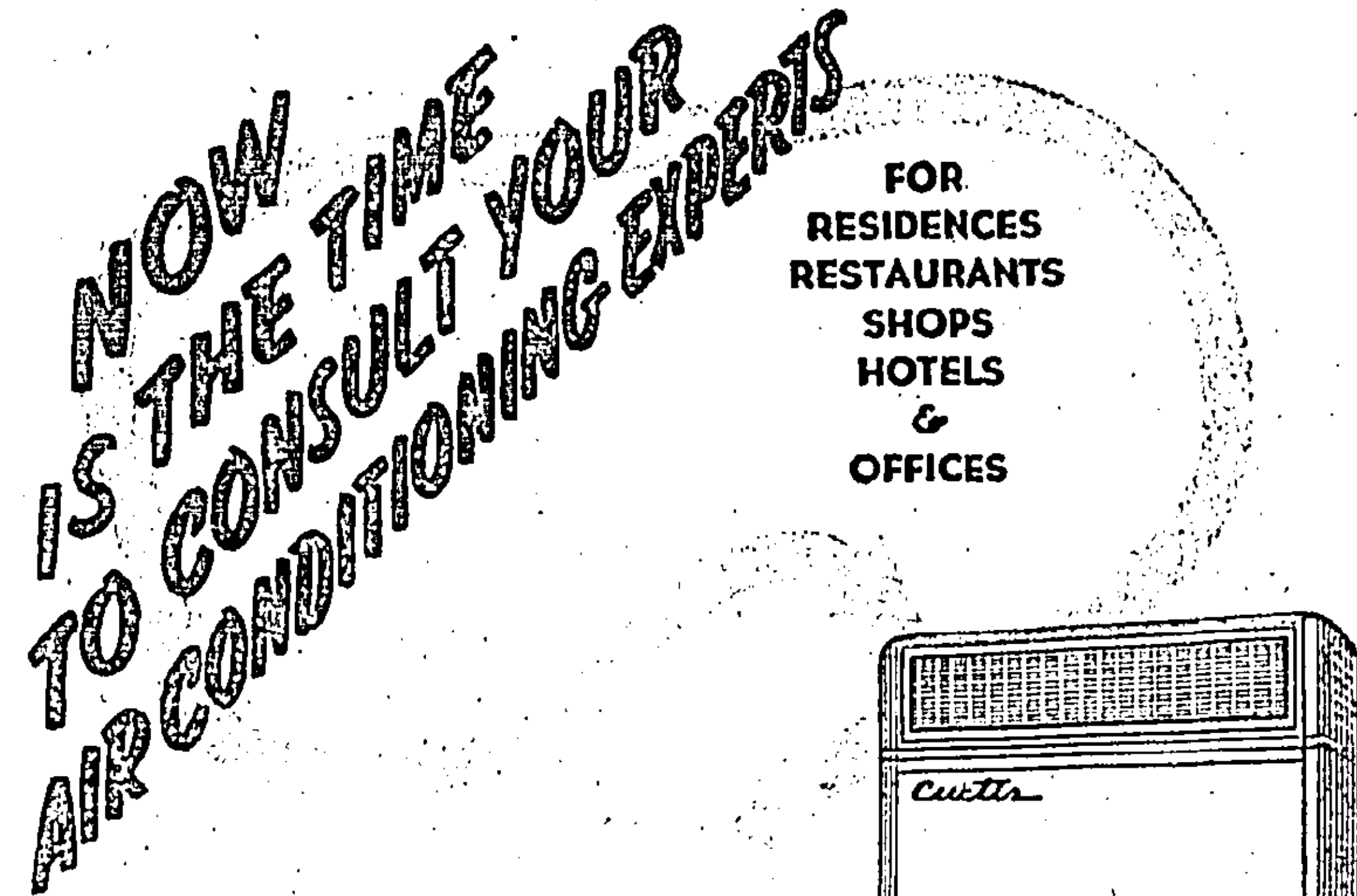
Captain Bud MacEachern led the assault on Racing goalie, George Tesar, with seven goals.—Associated Press.

Indian Boxer's Success

London, Jan. 13.—Mac Joachim, the Grove Boxing Club middle-weight who boxed for India in the Olympic Games, easily outpointed A. Prince, of the Robert Browning Boxing Club, in a special contest at the West Moseley Boxing Club at Kingston, Surrey, last night.

Joachim gave a fine all-round display and was too fast for his plucky opponent. His aggressiveness and two-handed hitting could not be matched by Prince whose best efforts were occasional righthand counter punches.

The Grove boxer refused attention from his seconds between rounds and did not even sit down. He proved to be exceptionally fit and a wide margin separated the boxers at the final bell.—Reuter.



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FROM HERE AND THERE

French Cooking For All-On Ice

PARIS: Fully prepared cooked dishes, frozen and packed in aluminium wrappers, are to be exported by France in her new drive for hard currency. A factory will be set up to produce them with funds from Marshall aid. Housewives will only have to heat the dishes on a low fire for 15 minutes before serving. Average price of one of these "new look" frozen dishes will be about 2s. They will include French specialties such as boeuf mode and coq au vin. They will also be available for home consumption and, according to the Food Ministry, should facilitate food problems.

GOVERNMENT CAT

OTTAWA: The only cat on the Canadian government's payroll is Daisy Mae, who draws a monthly salary of 5/- for rat-catching work among the dusty volumes of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics library in Ottawa. Daisy, who is classified officially as an "Exterminator Grade 2" in the civil service, comes from a long line of rat catchers of indeterminate breed. Her salary is used to buy milk and chopped liver and to keep her contented with her work. Since Daisy Mae was taken on not a single rat has been seen around the library. An increase in Daisy Mae's family not long ago doubled the cost of living sky high. Now, with six hungry young mouths to feed, office workers have set up a Daisy Mae milk fund to supplement the government salary.

FIRST VOTE

TEL-AVIV: Arab women will vote for the first time in history when Israel goes to the polls on January 25. Israel has an Arab population of about 110,000, of whom 40,000 are eligible to vote. Women cannot vote in the Arab states.

CHANGE-OVER

ROME: Twenty-four years ago Carolina Biagi, 14-year-old Venetian girl, ran away from home and nothing more was heard of her. Recently it was found that she had dressed as a boy, assumed the name of her dead brother, Edoardo, become a waiter in a Padua restaurant and later started a pastry shop in

the same town. Her real sex was discovered during an illness. Now the police have invited Edoardo to resume the name of Carolina, and go to a dressmaker instead of to a tailor.

TRIP TO THE MOON?

NEW YORK: The Chemistry Department of Ohio State University has announced the development of liquid hydrogen which can send rockets to the moon at a speed of 30,000 mph. The University believes that only lack of a ship strong enough to make the trip now stands between us and inter-planetary travel.

SINGING MURDERER

TISSAHAM, CEYLON: A "veddhi" or Aborigine jungle dweller who, after evading arrest on a murder charge for 10 years, tired of his game of hide-and-seek with the police and recently surrendered, sang Ceylon jungle folk songs at the remand room for recording by the Colombo Broadcasting Station's recording unit, for he has gained the reputation of the local jungle songbird. Hearing his own voice played back thoroughly scared him at first, but later he grinned delightedly.

TALK, TALK, TALK

NEW YORK: Nearly a thousand experts met in New York recently to see what could be done to revive the lost art of conversation. What they talked about on the morning: "Contributions of general semantics to rhetorical criticisms."

BOOKS are too dear, says GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

50,000 Expensive Words

TROUBLE IN JULY. By Erskine Caldwell. Falcon Press, 8s. 6d. 159 pages.

A HUNDRED and fifty-nine pages of fiction for 8s. 6d. Fifty thousand words (by my reckoning) for a hundred and two pence.

That is too few words for too many pennies. It may be said that it is not much more expensive than many other novels now being published. But that would not be a good defence. It would simply be saying that books are, in general, too dear.

They are, and they tend to become dearer.

The case for the publishers has been made by Mr. Michael Joseph, one of the liveliest of them. He points out that the cost of making a book is twice what it was before the war, while the price to the public has increased by only fifty per cent.

So Mr. Joseph predicts that the price of books must be raised still higher.

A MISTAKEN attitude. A disastrous conclusion to his argument. For where did that argument begin? With the acknowledgment that the "unbelievably large reading public" created by the war is dwindling, so far as fiction and general-interest books are concerned.

Now it really would not do to pretend that the war-time growth of book-buying and the post-war decline were Acts of God. The increased demand was due to the fact that books were reasonably cheap and money plentiful. It is being choked off because, at a time when there is less money about, prices have gone too high.

In these conditions, what does the good, bold publisher do? He cuts his prices. He goes out to win the wider public which is still waiting, which is always waiting, for the cheaper book.

There is an immense opportunity awaiting the publisher who refuses to follow the fatal path of dearer books, fewer customers and higher overheads, who turns his back on the restrictionist philosophy and puts his faith in expansion and books for the people.

As for Trouble in July, there is no obvious reason why it should be particularly expensive.

It is a story about negroes. Rather, it is the story about negroes. Sonny, a field hand, is falsely accused of the rape of Katy, an over-sexed white girl. After the customary preliminaries, Sonny is lynched.

Jeff McCullain, the sheriff, liked to go on a fishing trip when lynch-

ing was afoot. This time, his take-off is just too slow. To add to his embarrassment, a negro friend of his is seized by the mob, just in case they can find nobody better to hang.

Caldwell uses the well-worn, horrible theme better than most. Life spaces up nothing except sentimentality. His picture of a run-down community of whites is subtly done.

THE VOICE OF THE CORPSE. By Max Murray. Michael Joseph, 8s. 6d.

NOBODY can feel much sorrow over the death of Angela Mason Pewsey. The author does not even pretend to feel any.

For Miss Pewsey has indulged ideas of fun which are rarely popular. She has unearthed inconvenient secrets about her neighbours, and has then sent them letters threatening exposure.

So when some unknown benefactor ups and hits Miss Pewsey over the head with a blunt instrument, there is nothing but rejoicing in the village of Inching Round.

A fair number of its inhabitants possess substantial motives either for committing the crime or for wishing the criminal well.

And it is Max Murray's job to take his readers on a paper-chase after the murderer? That is so; Mr. Murray has written a detective story. And what, pray, is so exciting about that?

Just this. From the moment when Mrs. Tilling telephones the police to say, "Somebody's done in Miss Pewsey," Mr. Murray steadily interests and frequently amuses his readers.

He discloses a debonair style. He condescends to wit. He even takes the trouble to pump life and individuality into his characters. In short, he treats his audience as if they were intelligent human beings and not a species of literate bloodhound snuffling their way from clue to clue over a desert of bad prose.

FOR your true detective story enthusiast, the advent of Mr. Murray will bring no particular cause of joy. "Yes," they will say, puffing at their horrible pipes, "that is all very well. But at what point did you guess who had done it?"

In the case of one reviewer, the answer is—on page seven. A fluke, no doubt. But it is one of the endearing things about Mr. Murray that he has underrated the deductive power of this reader.

Experience may make him more cautious. Let us hope that it will

not dilute the high spirits of an admirable newcomer to detective fiction.

SHAKEN IN THE WIND. By Pamela Frankau. Heinemann, 10s. 6d.

THE theme of this new novel is Cynthia's marriage—and what went wrong with it.

What did go wrong with it? Cynthia, an officer in the ATS, marries Stuart Hendrick, an American with a dazzling smile. This may simply be due to the superior qualities of wartime American dentistry, but it is enough to turn Cynthia into a GI bride.

So it is one of those novels about the clash of two civilisations? Cynthia resents the American Way of Cooking. Or she is irritated because the United States is having such a nice post-war, whereas poor old Britain—

It is more complicated than that even. Stuart is a Roman Catholic, while Cynthia does not get beyond thinking how comfortable it must be inside that church. A clash of religions, in fact? Just so.

Also, Cynthia does not want to have a baby. And Stuart needs a girl-friend (also R. C.), and finds like so many others, that love can mean one thing in England, and quite another in San Francisco. But everything turns out well in the end? Miss Frankau must be allowed her secret.

OTHER VOICES, OTHER ROOMS. By Truman Capote. Heinemann, 7s. 6d. 192 pages.

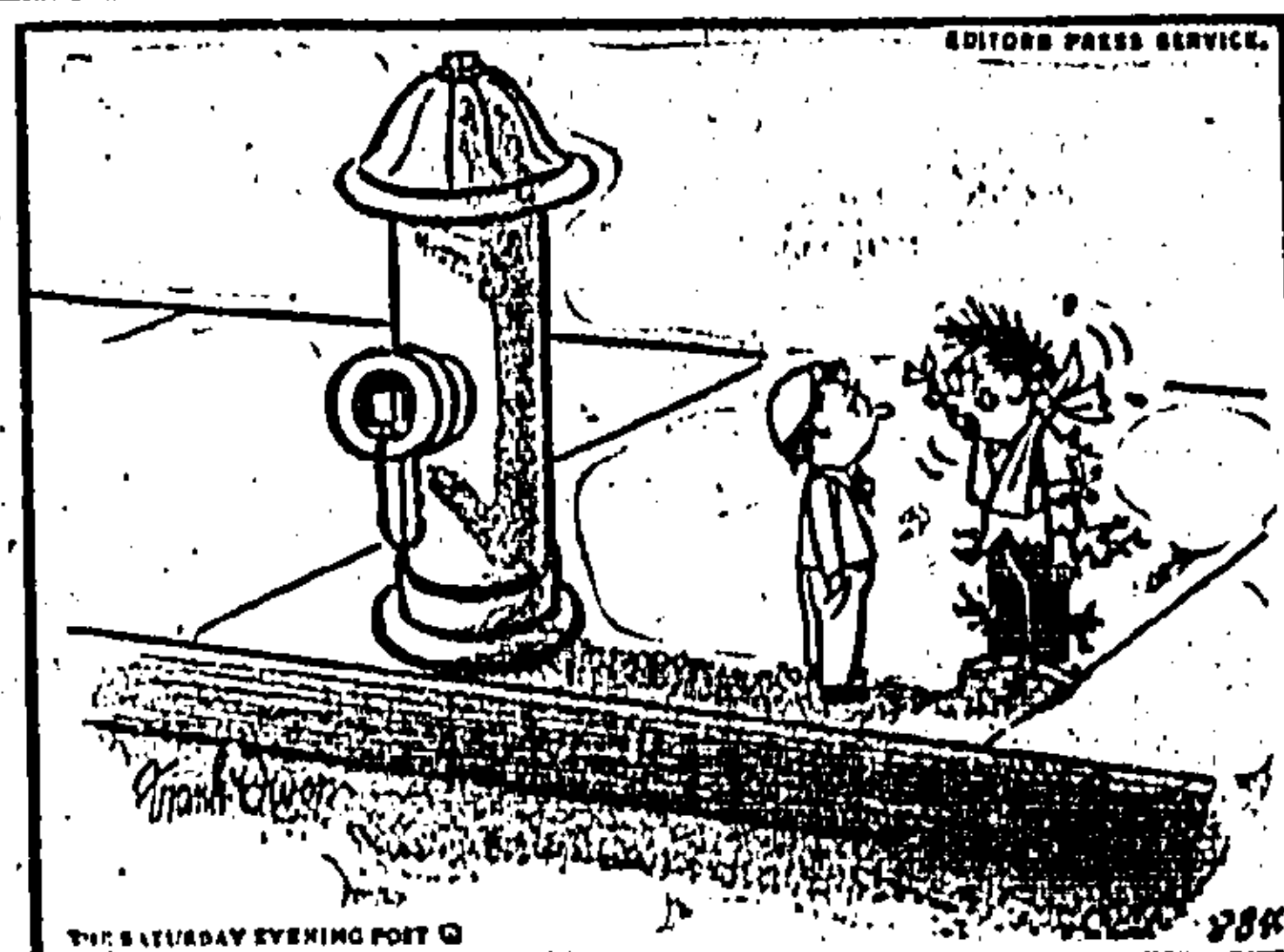
A PLAGUE upon the author who wraps his story and its characters in a sticky tissue of obscurity! Here is a novel so thickly mantled in glistening language and so decked with deceitful hints that, in the end, the reader is only half-aware what it has all been about.

This is all the greater pity since Capote is a newcomer of rare gifts. Listen: "Often the only movement on the landscape is winter-smoke winding out of the chimney of some sorry-looking farmhouse, or a wing-stiffened bird, silent and arrow-eyed, circling over the black deserted pine woods."

That is writing. Consider also Capote's talent for names: Zoo, the negro with the long, scarred throat; Jesus Fever, her grandfather; Little Sunshine, the hermit. And Noon City, nearest township to Skulley's Landing, the decaying Southern mansion where the boy Joel comes to find his father.

Nothing has ever been so decadent as the Landing, unless it is the derelict hotel near by, whose past is conjured up by Capote: "Farwell signs, of folding fans, the brute fall of male boots..."

Atmosphere does not make a novel. But Capote is a man to watch.



"Take my advice—never try to give a cat a bath."

LOVE

(a) In the mode of DENISE ROBINS
(b) In the mode of HOWARD SPRING

LOVE ME NO MORE. By Denise Robins. Hutchinson, 9s. 6d.

"HE took her in his arms"—to those fatal monosyllables, found in almost every novel, millions of the takers and taken in real life owe the disillusionment from which they are incurably suffering.

Even if, like a Denise Robins heroine, you have large, luminous eyes with long silken lashes, an alabaster face of pure classic outline, and are quivering in the throes of a newly discovered ecstasy, you can never be sure that, propelled by an irresistible force, with heart beating madly and pulses on fire, the right man will take you in his arms, crush you to him, and kiss your exquisite red mouth.

When something approximately like that really occurs... But let's not think about it. Daydream again with Denise Robins! Her eightieth novel (I hope I haven't miscounted) is called "Love Me No More." The title is misleading. "He" goes on loving, and "She" raises no objections.

He is Stephen Daltry, a young diplomat, "tall and beautifully built" with bright brown curly hair and a tanned, frank countenance. She is Iris, a regal creature, dwelling in beauty like the night, on the banks of the River Nile. Third man in the triangle is Prince Uref, a little Serbian.

After dirty work at the Pyramids (Uref and Stephen come to blows

and a knife), and some exhibitions of sultry passion, Iris decides who is the real master of her destiny.

But, alas, it can never be. In due course it is. He bent to kiss her. They clung in breathless silence. And the Nile flowed on in its mysterious way.

THERE IS NO ARMOUR. By Howard Spring. Collins, 12s. 6d.

MR. HOWARD SPRING'S novels are carefully constructed for the convenience of the leisureed. Moving at a comfortable pace, the narrative in his latest slows down from time to time to make it easy to alight from or board again.

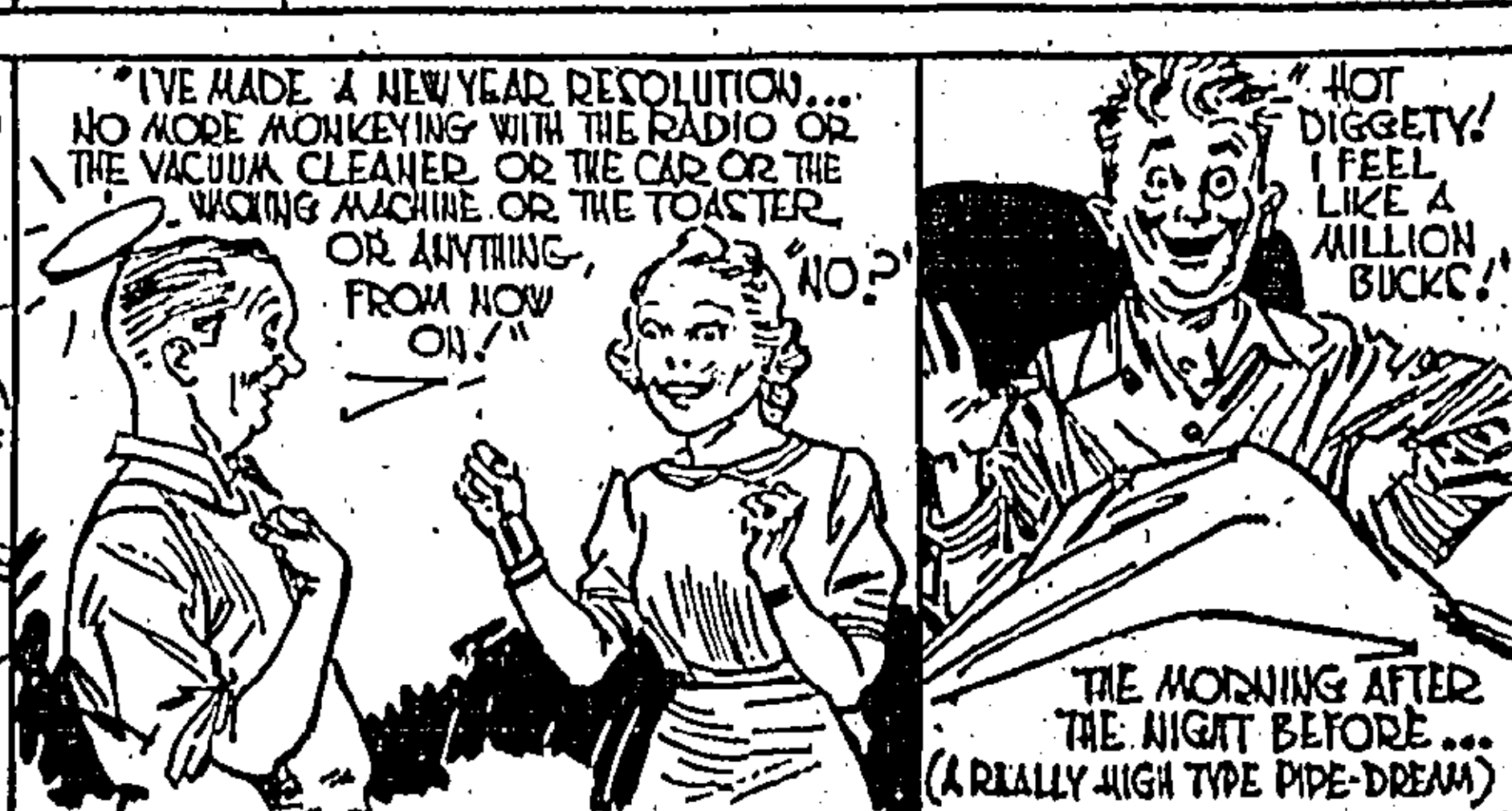
"Ted Pentecost, the narrator in 'There Is No Armour,' is an unconscionable time a-growing up. But by the time he is twenty he has left his birthplace, Manchester (you guessed), become a famous painter, and got married. Soon, as Edward Pentecost, A.R.A., he is diffusing his benevolence in all directions. So kind, wise, and gentle is he that he makes unfaithfulness to his wife appear almost a virtue.

When at the end he is left all alone you begin to feel sorry for him—until you remember that solitude has given him the opportunity to write a book of 676 pages which looks like being popular.

Enough incident, relevant and irrelevant, makes this a neo-Dickensian novel which, if not rushed, will be sedately enjoyed by thousands. I found it rather filling.

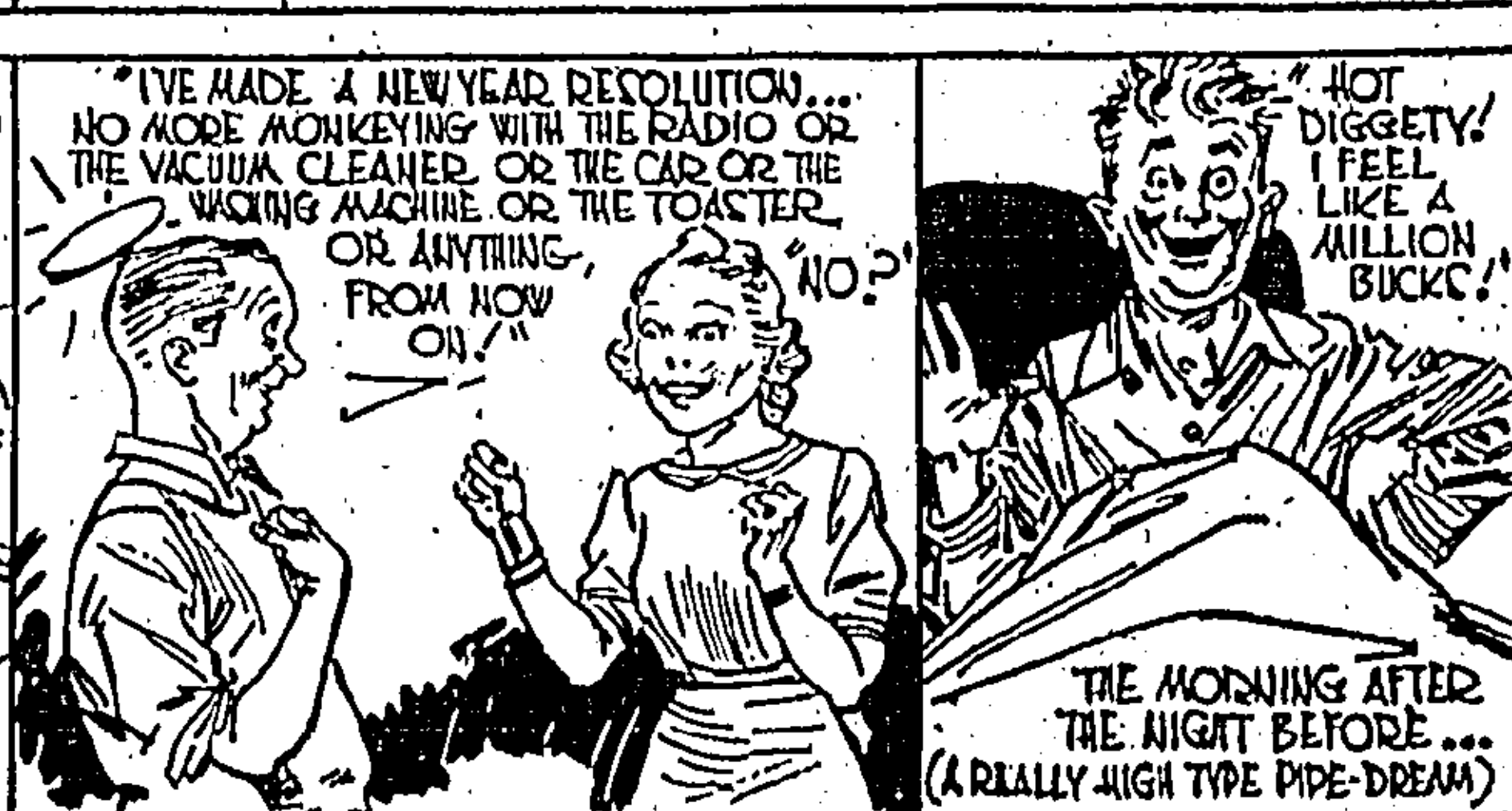
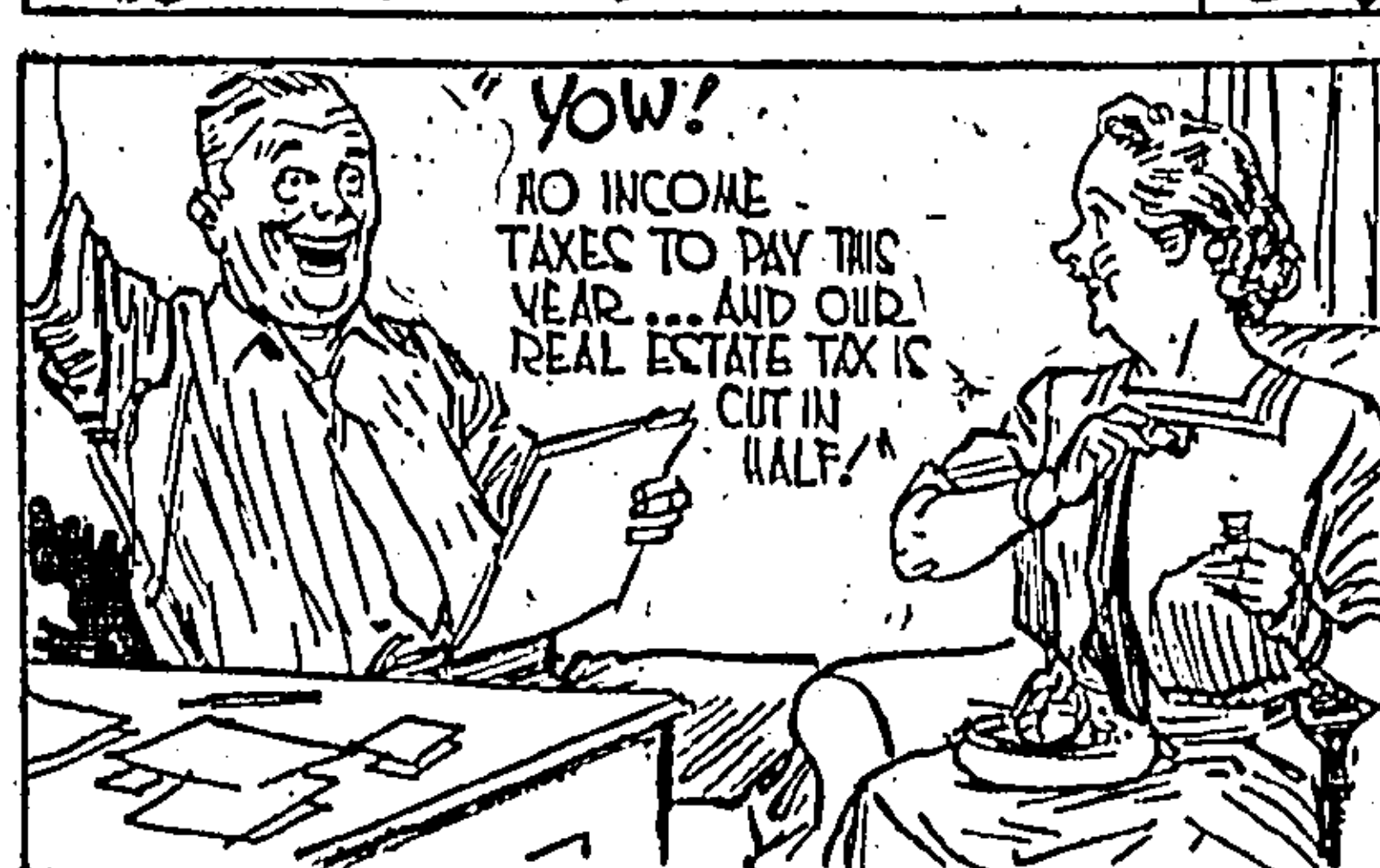
—DANIEL GEORGE

VIGNETTES OF LIFE



"New Year Pipe-Dreams"

By KEMP STARRETT



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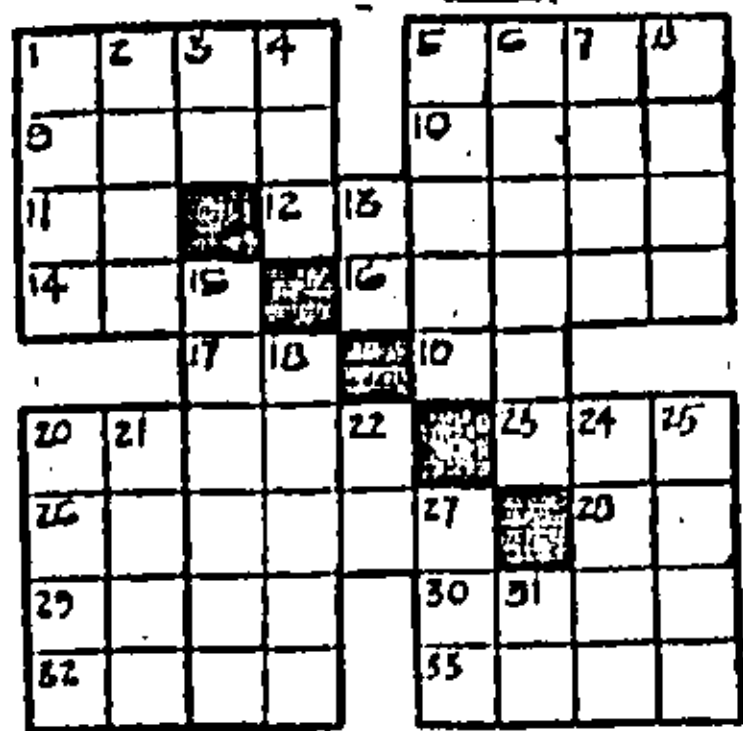
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ACROSS

- 1 Horseback game
- 5 There are many—games
- 9 Verbal
- 10 Extent
- 11 Right (ab.)
- 12 Waltzer
- 14 Compass point
- 16 Rent
- 17 No-a Scotia (ab.)
- 19 Doctor of Divinity (ab.)
- 20 Flower
- 23 Conclusion
- 26 Steps over fences
- 28 Correlative of either
- 30 Nobleman
- 32 Gold of war
- 33 Irish dish

DOWN

- 1 Minute skin opening
- 2 Morsels
- 3 Louisiana (ab.)
- 4 Aged
- 6 Cadged
- 7 Covered passageway of stops
- 8 Scottish sheepfolds
- 9 Challenge
- 13 Nickname for Albert
- 15 Complete
- 16 Vends
- 20 On the ocean
- 21 Heavenly body
- 22 Musical note
- 24 Memorandum
- 25 Sketch
- 27 Sister (coll.)
- 31 Old testament (ab.)

GAMES OF SKILL

Four games of skill are scribbled below. Rearrange the letters in each row to bring them to light: SLID B LIAR SEC HS BRIC GABE CRIB TRACED TONG

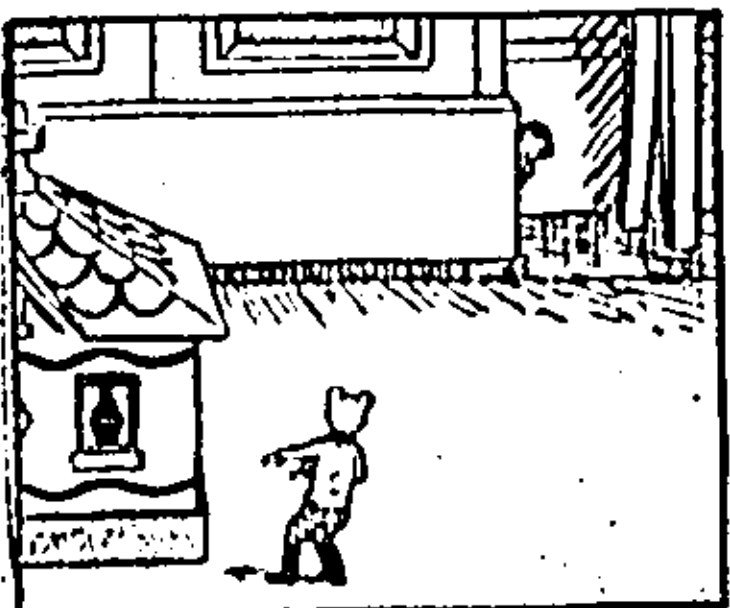
GAMES OF CHANCE

Vowels have been omitted and the words run together in this sentence describing two games. Insert the vowels in their proper places and reconstruct our sentence: BCKGMNNDRLITTRGMSPCINC

RIDDLES

1. When does a hen peck the hardest?
2. Why is an old bachelor always right?
3. What are the most difficult ships to conquer?
4. What is always behind time?
5. Why is a school teacher like the letter C?

Rupert and Margot—42



Wondering whether his exciting journey has been all in vain, Rupert comes out of the doll's house, and at once a loud whisper makes him spin round. Peering at him from behind a huge piece of furniture is Margot herself. "Oh, Rupert," she cries. "Are you here, too? Where are we? How did we get here? All I know is that the little house started swinging and bumping about until I was nearly dizzy." "Hush, not so loud," whispers Rupert. "I'll tell you just what has happened since I left you."

RED RYDER



Double Trouble



By Fred Harman



MAKING A BAD MAN GOOD

GRANT DeFORREST deftly brought his roustabout to a stop at the edge of Grierly's woods. A flat tyre!

He jumped out, looking anxiously at black clouds rolling up from the west. Vivid lightning streaking across the sky and heavy thunder foretold an approaching storm. And he was 16 miles from home.

Blacker and blacker grew the sky. DeForrest started to change tyres, his only light being a continued blaze of forked and sheet lightning. The booming and cracking of thunder rent the clouds and rain began falling faster and faster.

Grant heard a sound behind him. He turned and gasped. He was looking down the barrel of a gun.

A voice rasped: "I don't want to hurt you, son, but I want this car—and quick!"

Grant rose, hands above his head, watched the man go to the car and return with the tow-rope.

"Why the rope?" Grant asked. The man appeared nervous. He didn't seem to like what he was doing.

"I'm going to tie you up so you won't tell the police that Kunkle escaped in your car," the stranger growled.

GRANT was beginning to understand the puzzle. "Did you escape from prison?" he queried. Kunkle growled as he was ready to tie Grant up. Suddenly the storm intervened and Grant seized the rope in an effort to wrest it from the convict.

The trees swayed back and forth, a loud roaring and crashing sound in the forest and a tornado was upon them.



"I want this car—and quick!"

Grant dived under his car. The convict, dazed, had no time to get anywhere.

With a terrifying rushing sound, the tornado smashed through the woods like a shaking demon, mowing a destructive path as it uprooted trees, splitting them asunder, and breaking off others like pipestems.

In a few moments the storm had passed leaving behind only a slight drizzle of rain.

Grant opened his eyes and stirred. Lying face downward, pinned under his car, he could only move his head and arms. A large tree had smashed through the top, imprisoning him.

He raised his head and saw Kunkle not far away, lying on his back, a big tree across him.

"Are you hurt, Kunkle?" Grant asked.

"Not yet, but this tree is held up by one broken branch. If I move, down she comes."

GRANT could move his arms and head, and the tow rope was near his hands. If he could release Kunkle, the escaped convict could rescue him. But would he?

"Listen, Kunkle," Grant said. "That branch won't hold forever." "No," said the man. "The wind will weaken it."

"I can get you out."

"But you won't," said Kunkle. "I'm an outlaw."

Sharpen Up Your Wits

HOW many of the following catch questions can you answer correctly?

1. How many minutes will it take to cut up a piece of cloth 10 yards long, one yard being sheared off every minute?
2. A snail climbing up a post 10 feet high goes up two feet every day but slips down one foot every night. How many days will it take him to reach the top?
3. If a boy weighs 50 pounds plus half his own weight, how much does he weigh?
4. A man has a window one yard high and one yard wide. Requiring more light, he enlarges the window to twice its former size, yet the window is still only one yard high and one yard wide. How did he do it?

ANSWERS

1. Nine minutes. Try it if you like.
2. Nine days. The ninth day the snail goes the last two feet to the top of the pole and stays there.
3. One hundred pounds. Think it over.
4. The window was diamond-shaped at first, and the man made it a square window.

ZOO'S WHO

OTTERS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO TRAVEL FIFTEEN MILES DURING A NIGHT.



MONKEYS HAVE BEEN TAUGHT TO READ SIGNS CONTAINING SIMPLE WORDS SUCH AS "YES" AND "NO."



THERE ARE TWENTY MILLION DOGS IN THE UNITED STATES.



Public Speaking Can Make YOU Popular

DO you want to be popular? Then speak up! It's an easy way to earn admiration, respect, and invitations to speak at teen-age gatherings—school, youth centre, and church.

Addressing a large audience can be fun too, if you remember to follow these simple suggestions:

1. Know your subject. No matter how trivial the message is, acquaint yourself with the theme thoroughly. A request to return library books on time, for example, can be of real interest to your friends if they're informed of the staggering total paid out last year in overdue fines. A plea for contributions to a charity drive will be more successful if you tell what the money is used for.

2. Take out "Stage Fright Insurance" by knowing more about your subject than can be reeled off in the allotted time. Thus, should you get excited and forget one topic, another will crop up to save the day.

3. Prepare your talk well ahead of time. Never depend on a last-minute "inspiration." They may work out fine in the friendly classroom, but auditorium atmospheres aren't the same. They're full of critical expressions and sickening allusions for the speaker who doesn't know "what comes next."

4. To know your speech well, write the whole message

out in full. Read it over several times. Now stand in front of the mirror and see what can be done without those notes. If results are good, you're all set. But have those precious papers handy on the big occasion, "just in case."

5. A speaker doesn't have to rely on his memory. Instead, he makes up a set of index cards, small enough to fit his hand. On each will be written a few words of every paragraph of his well thought-out message. The audience will hardly notice his hasty downward glances, if he talks with confidence.

6. If index cards aren't successful, you're still far from lost. Many speakers actually read their addresses. You can do the same thing and still merit an excellent performance.

7. Check your voice. It's a good idea to speak a little louder than is actually necessary. There will be listeners in the very last row who won't appreciate your efforts if they hear only mumbles and jumbles.

8. Appearance, according to authoritative professionals, counts for at least 50 per cent of the performance. Simple clothing is good. Shined shoes are important. Hair that's too slicked down may detract from your message. Keep your head high, your posture straight, and reduce all gestures to a bare minimum. Look squarely at your listeners and try very hard to be at ease. This last is difficult, but well worth the effort.

9. Watch your audience. If it seems to be restless, cut your message short. Nobody likes speeches which seem to have no ending. Keep an eye on the chairman, too. If he begins to look uneasy and worried, say very quickly, "Just one more minute." And make sure you don't take more time than that.

Of course, getting up before a large audience and talking requires courage at first, but it's not the ordeal it seems, once you acquire poise and confidence. These ups may give you that extra confidence.

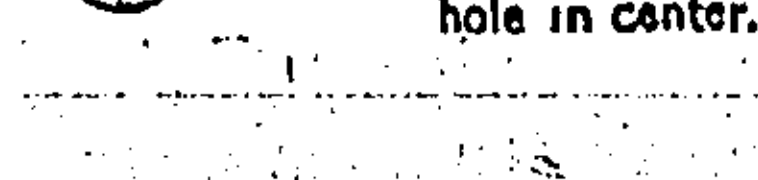
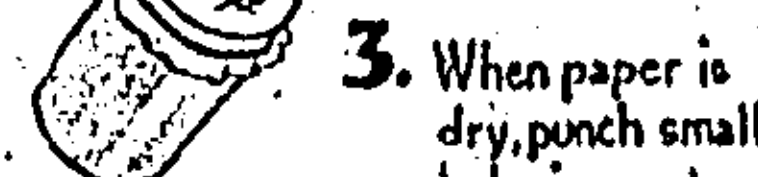
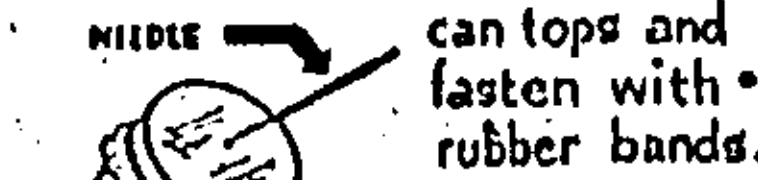
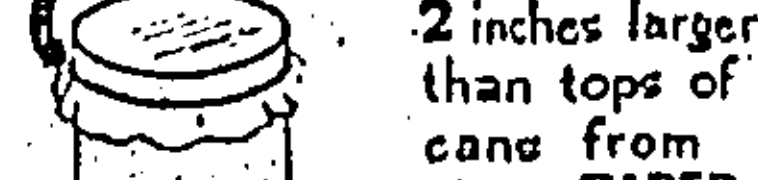
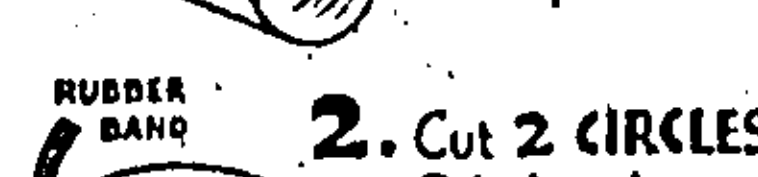
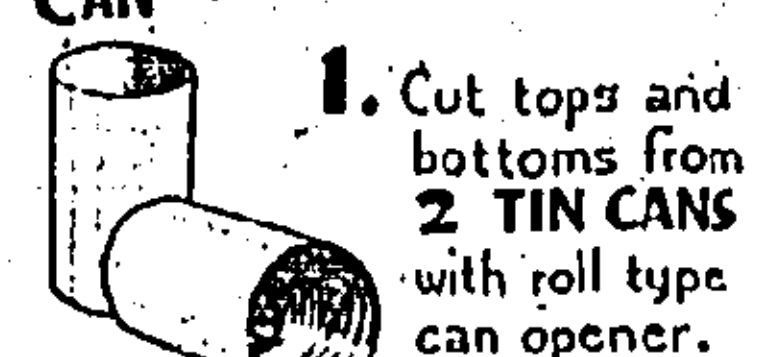


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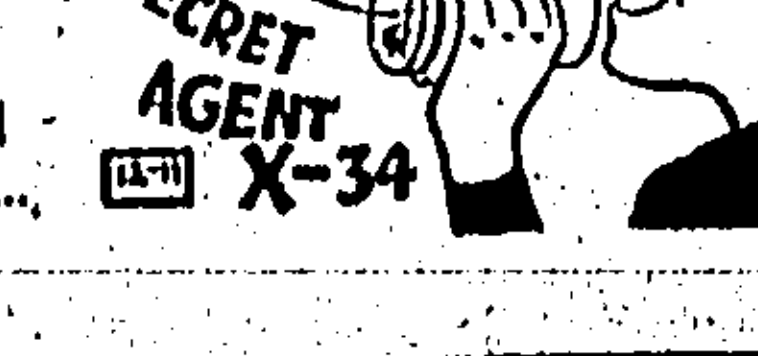
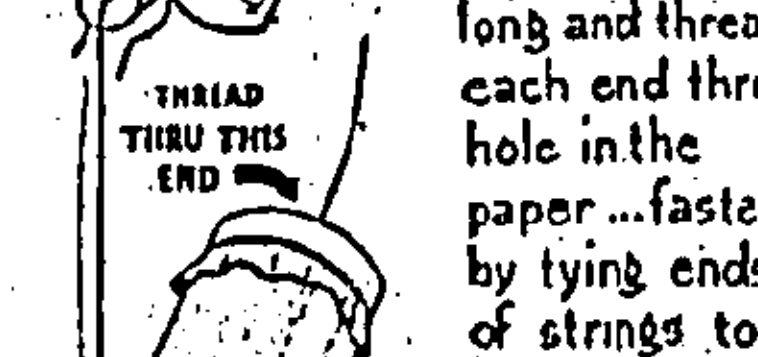
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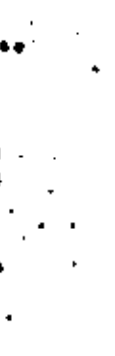
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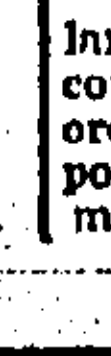
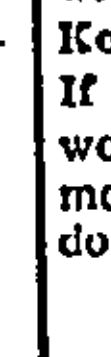
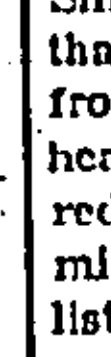
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PULL STRINGS TIGHT AND SEND THAT SECRET MESSAGE



CALLING SECRET AGENT X-34



ANOTHER SCHMELING

GERMAN IDOL GETS ATLANTIC AIRLIFT

London, Jan. 14.—Helm Ten Hoff, the German heavyweight champion, leaves Frankfurt by air for New York on January 16 in an attempt to emulate the feat of Max Schmeling, who in the early thirties, captured the world heavyweight title.

Ten Hoff, idol of millions of German boxing fans, will bear with him to the United States the high hopes of his followers that he will be the means of putting Germany back on the sporting map by winning the world heavyweight crown.

Born 20 years ago to a Dutch father, this tall, dark German boxer took part in more than a hundred amateur fights, most of which he won by the knockout route, before turning professional.

As a professional, the young boxer beat all comers by virtue of his superior skill and the extraordinary power of punch in his long, slender-looking arms.

At the end of 1940, he won the heavyweight championship of Germany by defeating the veteran Walter Neusel in Hamburg.

His professional record is now 10 knockout victories and one draw out of 17 fights.

Boxing experts in Germany have debated hotly whether Ten Hoff really has a chance of making his mark in the United States.

Max Schmeling stated that he still has not developed real professional "toughness," basic requirement for success in American rings.

"Anyway, he will get a chance to learn it," the former world champion added, "Ten Hoff's debut in the United States is eagerly awaited by German sportsmen who hope to see him set his country's feet on the road to a place in world sport.—Reuter.

More Yanks For Harringay

London, Jan. 14.—Top-ranking American welterweight boxers will appear on the bill at the Harringay Arena, North London, on February 7, subject to the usual financial conditions being approved by the Bank of England.

This was announced by Jack Solomon, the promoter, who said that Tony Janiro, who has lost only four fights in an impressive list of 67, and Billy Graham, who has a record of having lost only two contests out of 77, would be the first step in a scheme to bring boxers here to fight the leading men in this country.

Janiro is to fight the British champion, Henry Hall, over 10 rounds at 150 pounds, and Graham's opponent will be Eddie Thomas, a leading contender for Hall's title.

This fight will also be over 10 rounds, but at 147 pounds.

REPUTATION

Janiro has been building up a reputation during the last five years for skillful boxing and staying abilities against welterweights like Beau Jack, with whom he has shared two victories, Tony Pellice, Jack Lamotta and Johnny Greco.

Graham is a 26-year-old Irish-American who started boxing in 1941. His opponents were both registered by Tony Pellice.

Mr. Solomon plans to bring some of America's best boxers to Britain to see how they compare with Britishers. It is obvious from the records of Janiro and Graham that the British boxers will be severely tested.

The world flyweight champion, Rinky Monaghan, who is due to defend his title against Maurice Sandeyron, of France, has agreed to meet the winner of the North London clash between Dickie O'Sullivan, of Flinsbury Park, and Terry Allen, of Islington.

The contest will also appear on the February 7 programme.—Reuter.

Cricket League Team Averages

Recreio have displaced the Scorpions at the top of the team batting averages and the Army at the top of the bowling averages as a result of last week's matches.

The team averages per wicket now are:

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BATTING			
	Total Runs	Wkts. Lost	Average Per Wkt.
Recreio	1,067	53	20.13
Optimists	1,202	61	19.74
Scorpions	1,150	61	18.85
RAF	1,217	83	14.66
KCC	1,073	62	17.30
University	1,107	62	17.85
Army	934	70	13.34
IRC	818	74	11.05
Craigengower	901	92	10.44
Royal Navy	691	70	9.89

BOWLING			
	Runs Given	Wkts. Taken	Average per Wkt.
Recreio	711	65	9.54
Optimists	808	75	10.77
Scorpions	907	62	11.79
University	1,114	87	12.80
RAF	630	67	13.68
IRC	685	66	14.02
Optimists	1,075	71	15.14
KCC	1,059	67	15.66
Royal Navy	1,180	70	16.85
Craigengower	1,111	77	17.41

LOW THEY STAND

HOW THEY STAND					
	P	W	D	L	Pct
Recreio	9	7	2	0	30
Army	9	5	2	1	23
Scorpions	9	5	1	3	25
University	10	4	3	3	11
Optimists	0	4	2	3	11
KCC	8	2	4	2	11
RAF	0	2	4	3	11
IRC	0	2	3	4	11
Craigengower	10	1	2	7	11
Royal Navy	8	0	2	6	11

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RAF	0	2	3	4	11
IRC	0	2	3	4	11
Craigengower	10	1	2	7	6
Royal Navy	0	0	2	0	2

THOMAS CUP EUROPEAN ZONE FINAL

London, Jan. 14.—The England badminton team left for Copenhagen on Friday to play Denmark in the final of the European zone of the Thomas Cup Tournament on January 20 and 21.

The winner will meet the victor of a match between Malaya and the United States at Preston, England, on February 25 and 26.

The English team will have a warm up match next Tuesday against Sweden at Malmo.—Associated Press.

The Uncertainties Of Football Form

London, Jan. 14.—The uncertainties of football form are well exemplified by the case of Peter Kippax, Burnley's amateur outside-left, who has decided to leave League soccer.

He has just been released from his registration by the club at his own request.

During the 1946-47 season, Kippax played so brilliantly that he was one of the most prominent members of a side which won promotion to League 1 and reached the Football Association Cup final.

He was honoured by a place in the English League side which played the Scottish League that season, and must have been strongly in line for a full England "cap," which has not been gained by an amateur for 20 years.

Yet last season Kippax could not maintain the high standard of his play, and made only six appearances for the Burnley First Division side.

This season he seemed to have lost confidence considerably and had not been in the Burnley first team at all. Now he has dropped out of soccer of the premier class, in which continued skill and accuracy is a fundamental of survival.—Reuter.

Dane To Play For Huddersfield

London, Jan. 14.—Karl Hansen, the Danish international inside forward, arrived at Huddersfield last night and started training today.

He will play at inside-right for Huddersfield Town's reserve team against Manchester United tomorrow in a Central League game.

Hansen is expected to be available to play for Huddersfield during the next 10 weeks.—Reuter.

WEEK-END SPORT

TODAY

Cricket—First Division League: Scorpions v. Recreio at Chatter Road; Army v. University at Southampton; KCC v. Craigengower at Cox's Path; Royal Navy v. Optimists at King's Park; IRC v. RAF at Sookunpoo.

Football—First Division League: Club v. CAA at Happy Valley; Kitchener v. South China "B" at Causeway Bay; Navy v. RAF at Causeway Bay; Police v. South China "A" at Boundary Street (Kick-off at 4 p.m.); Eastern v. St Joseph's at Causeway Bay (Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.).

Second Division League: Club v. South China at Happy Valley; St Joseph's v. PCA at Caroline Hill; Army (Hongkong) v. Army (Kowloon) at Sookunpoo; Dockyard v. Police at Happy Valley; CAA v. Falkland at Chatham Road (Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.); Navy v. Solicitors at Happy Valley; KMB v. Tramways at Chatham Road (Kick-off at 4 p.m.).

Races—Annual Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club (First Day) at Happy Valley. First saddling bell at 11.30 a.m.

Rugby—Quadrangular Tournament: Royal Navy v. RAF & Police, 3.15 p.m.; Club v. Army, 4.15 p.m., at Sookunpoo.

Cricket—At Recreio Ground: Malawi v. Braves, 2.30 p.m.; Wildfres v. Rangers, 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

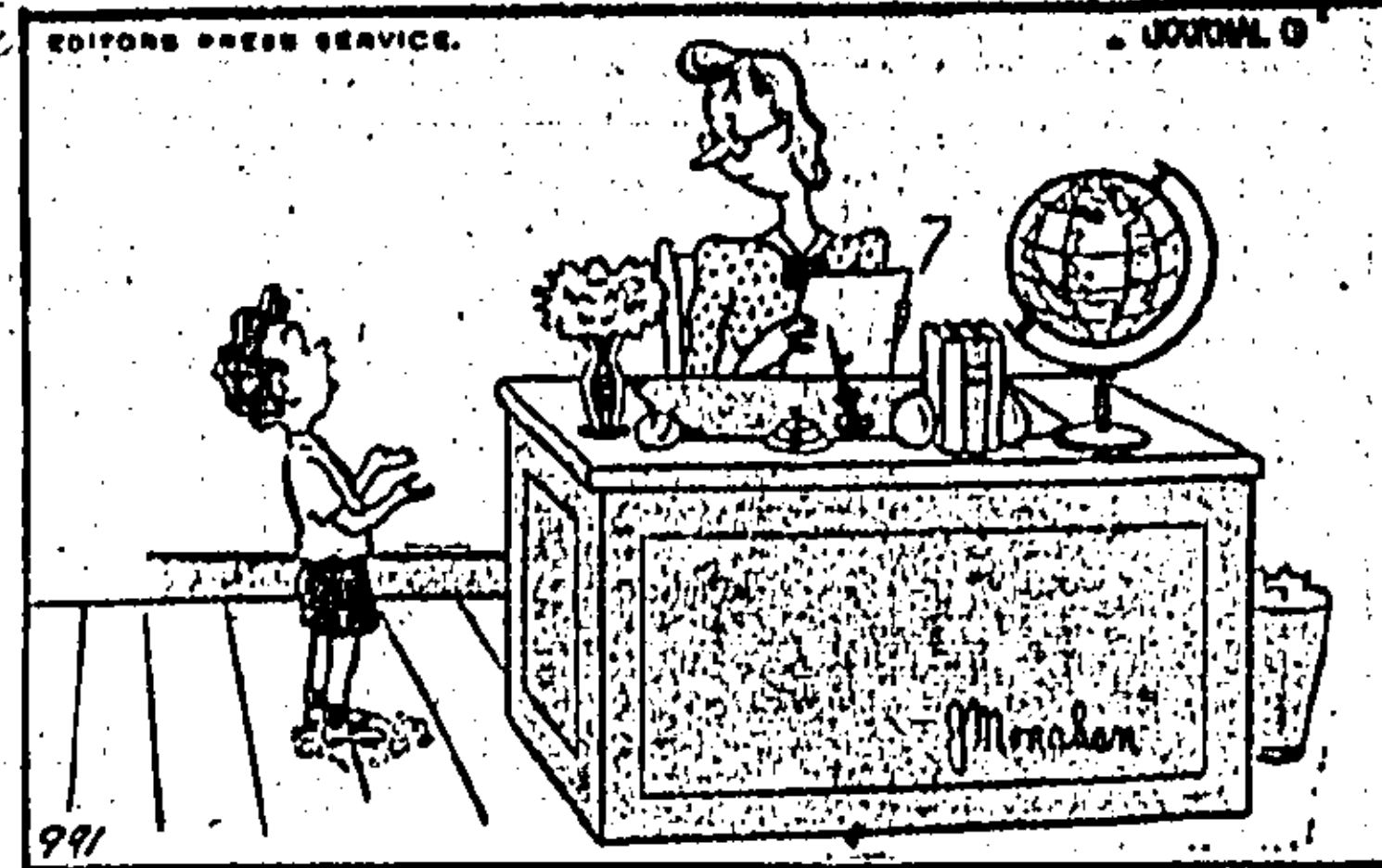
Cricket—Occasional v. Civil Service Cricket Club at Chatter Road, 11 a.m.; KCC 2nd XI v. HQ, Land Forces, at Cox's Path, 1.30 p.m.

Football—Governor's Cup Match: HKFA v. CNAFA at Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.

Hockey—Interpret Trial at Navy Ground, King's Park, 10.30 a.m.

Softball—At Recreio Ground: Jaguar v. Blackhaws, 9 a.m.; Joseph v. American Club, 10.30 a.m.; VFC v. Chung Hwa, Noon; HKBC v. Overseas Chinese, 2 p.m.

At CBA Ground: Philippines v. Canadians, Noon; Khalsa v. Madcaps, 2 p.m.; Canadians v. Wildcats, 3.30 p.m.



"What does it matter if I always get my lessons wrong? I only want to be a weather man when I grow up."

WESTERN UNION DEFENCE MINISTERS MEET IN BELGIUM

Brussels, Jan. 14.—The Defence Ministers of the five Western Union powers—Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg—began secret talks in the Belgian Ministry of Defence today.

In addition to the delegations of the Western Union powers, American and Canadian observers were present. The conference, which had been expected to last at least two days, finished its work in five hours.

According to an official communiqué issued tonight, the Defence Ministers today considered "the practical steps being taken to achieve a common effort for the defence and security of Western Europe."

The Ministers "reviewed the work done by the defence organisation of the Brussels Treaty powers since their last meeting in Paris on September 27 and 28," the communiqué said.

They "adopted certain recommendations on forces and equipment made to them by the Chiefs of Staff Committee and the Military Supply Board."

The communiqué added: "The Military Supply Board was established by the Ministers of Defence at their meeting on September 27 and 28. It deals with the questions of the production and provisions of supplies and equipment to meet the needs of the armed forces."

"It is composed of one high-ranking representative from each of the five powers and is served by a Permanent Supply Executive Committee now established in London."

"The Ministers agreed upon the type of organisation required by each of the five powers for the raising and training of national armed forces of the Western Union, and took note of the progress so far made by the Finance and Economic Committee set up by the Foreign Ministers at their meeting in Paris on October 25 and 26 in finding solutions to the financial and economic problems raised by the Organisation of the Western Union, the communiqué said."

The French Defence Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, said as he left the conference room: "Now the Western Union's defence organisations are being set on foot, it would be a few months before a general view of things could be gained."

M. Ramadier revealed that the five Defence Ministers would meet next at The Hague in March or April.

Observers believed the Ministers reviewed the Western Union defence schemes in the light of a report made by the Chairman of the

Western Union Defence Committee, Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, after his recent tour of inspection of the five powers' armed forces.

Speculation had centred on the defence schemes of the proposed Atlantic Pact, and the Ministers were expected to make an inventory of the manpower and economic potential of the nations concerned in the proposed pact.

The conference, it was also understood, studied means of standardising arms, equipment and training methods for the forces of the five powers, and scheme for the interchange of bases and airfields for training powers.

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Bevin, Schuman Reach Agreement On All Points

London, Jan. 14.—There were no longer any basic differences between Britain and France on German problems, M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, told a press conference here tonight.

M. Schuman said that next week's conference in London between Britain, France and the United States on the occupation statute for Western Germany could be awaited without any anxiety, since it was especially on this subject that the British and French standpoints had drawn so much closer together.

They are now, M. Schuman said, separated only by "nuances."

"Mr. Bevin and I," M. Schuman continued, "left the necessity of meeting separately outside the conference room so that we could talk to each other with less reluctance and for a longer time."

"We made very useful progress on all problems which are now current in the international field," M. Schuman said, "in the conversations of the last 48 hours" he and Mr. Bevin had made a complete tour of world problems, leaving nothing out. "We have made more progress than I thought would be possible."

The French Foreign Minister added that of course agreement had not been reached on all points, but that he could say that there was less disagreement between himself and Mr. Bevin than he had often experienced at the hands of his own Coalition Government.

"We have not plotted against the absence," he added, "and Mr. Bevin had concentrated on discussing actual problems which will shortly confront Britain and France within the framework of the Brussels Treaty Pact and in the United Nations."

M. Schuman said the problem connected with the admission of Italy to the various Western groupings, such as the Western Pact, the European Union Movement had been an important subject of the conference.

The problem of the disposal of Italy's former colonies had been fully examined.

M. Schuman said that the European Union discussions would shortly agree to adopt both the British proposal for a European Council of Ministers and the French proposal for a European Assembly.

On Germany, M. Schuman said the points of view of Britain and France had been so narrowed that it would be wrong any longer to speak of fundamental differences.

There were, of course, divergencies in emphasis and in opinions on the timing of the various steps but no basic disagreement.

Asked if this applied to the question of reparations, M. Schuman replied: "Above all."

FAR EAST PROBLEM

The Western powers, he said, were faced with the broad problem in the Far East of fixing their attitude towards the two new factors of Communism and nationalism.

He and Mr. Bevin had agreed that this attitude in the case of Britain and France could not be entirely negative.

M. Schuman said there were "new factors" in the last 24 hours of which Mr. Bevin had informed him, which he hoped would be helpful towards a solution in the Far East.

Some observers believed this remark referred to expected Dutch

assurances in the Security Council on the future of Indonesian independence.

M. Schuman said he had discussed the future of French dependencies in India directly with Pandit Nehru in Paris and was convinced as a result that a friendly and pacific settlement would be found.

A communiqué issued tonight at the conclusion of the talks between M. Schuman and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said the conversations ended the two Ministers "to have a detailed exchange of views on all the current international problems affecting the two Governments, and in particular Germany, the European Union, the Atlantic Pact, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, South East Asia and the Far East."—Reuter.

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